

First Baptist Church, Dallas, has the largest membership of the 34,665 churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. Baptists in Dallas will host the 1974 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention which will meet in the Dallas Convention Center, June 11-13. (BP Photo)

Convention To Hear **Discussions**

DALLAS (BP)—Although the annual Southern Baptist Convention meeting here, June 11-13, is expected to experience no major eruptions, messengers to the sessions can look forward to some lively discussion on an issue or two.

Among motions confronting the convention will probably be one by Frank Minton, a Dayton, Ohio, pastor, asking the Home Mission Board's division of evangelism be converted into a separate agency, a Commission on Evangelism.

Arthur Rutledge, the Home Mission Board's executive director, has responded that the board is in fact a board of missions and evangelism and that a change of name to National Missions and Evangelism Board would achieve Minton's purpose of giving evangelism greater exposure in the denomination.

Rutledge says he does not oppose a review of the matter but points to a conclusion in the recently completed study of the convention by the "Committee of 15" that evangelism development can best be implemented in its present setting with the Home Mission Board.

Minton says his proposal has grass roots support and would be the best approach to increasing evangelism's exposure.

Under convention bylaws a decision to establish a new agency must be approved by a majority of vote of messengers at two successive conventions.

Another focal point of interest is expected to be a series of recommendations the SBC's Christian Life Com-

mission will bring on women's rights, race relations, integrity in government and economic life.

The Christian Life Commission's recommendations will call for specific actions from messengers, rather than resolutions or a report to be received.

Part of the recommendation on women calls for the convention to amend its Bylaw 7 to "move toward more equitable representation" by stipulating that women make up one-

faith of the total elected members of SBC boards, agencies and committees by no later than 1980.

Bylaw 7, in fact, will be under scrutiny from more than one direction. The SBC's Executive Committee will also recommend its amendment to "provide a more precise definition of the 'ordained' and 'layman' provision."

Presently, the bylaw states that "all convention committees, boards and

commissions shall include both ordained and lay persons as members."

The proposed amendment would alter "ordained" to read "pastors or other full-time church or denominational employees" and "lay persons" to read "those who are pastors or full-time church or denominational employees."

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Gulfshore Campaign Projection Figure Nears \$1,250,000 Goal

Pledges from both individuals and churches in the current statewide "Restore Gulfshore" Campaign to raise \$1,250,000, have reached a total to date of \$895,000.

Dr. David Grant, Jackson, campaign chairman, in making the above report, said that a projection, based on cash and pledges received thus far in 1974 from both churches and individuals, indicated that \$1,085,000 of the campaign goal of \$1,250,000 will be received if churches already participating simply continue their present giving pattern for the next three years.

Dr. Grant further declared that "if we could receive pledge cards for all of the pledging which has been reported to us, I feel that the total pledging already would surpass the campaign goal."

"However," he continued, "we must continue the campaign until we actually have in hand pledges for the total goal."

The chairman, in making an appeal for all churches to make a pledge, said that some money is being received from churches that have not yet made a pledge.

The plan of the current campaign, as organized, is to approach individuals for gifts and to ask every church in the Convention to give two percent of its budget for the three year period beginning Jan. 1, 1974.

Henry Holman, Jr. of Jackson, is state chairman of the individual gifts division, with Dr. Bill Causey, also of Jackson, chairman of the church division.

The committee plans, in the near future, to begin publishing a list of all churches making pledges.

Dr. Grant said that all pledges on hand from churches to date total \$802,528, with \$126,100 having been received in cash.

The current statewide "Restore Gulfshore" campaign was authorized by the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November of 1972, with the \$1,250,000 to be raised before construction could begin.

The Convention Board was directed to expedite the project and the campaign was organized with Dr. Grant as chairman.

The state has been divided into six areas, and each of these has been divided into two sub-areas. Each sub-area has a varying number of associations and each association is scheduled to have team workers to contact pastors and churches.

Estimated cost of the new assembly as of July, 1972, (projection) is \$2,843,600, with each year of delay to cost approximately \$300,000 (estimated increase of cost due to inflation.)

A list of "Living Memorials" for the (Continued On Page 2)



HUDGINS, RECOGNIZED

Baker J. Cauthen (r), executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, presents W. Douglas Hudgins with a gavel and a plaque of appreciation in recognition of his service as outgoing president of the board. Hudgins was guest speaker for the luncheon meeting when the presentation was made. Members of the board and staff present at the April meeting in Little Rock, Ark., stood in appreciation.

Court Rules Segregation Bars Private School Aid

By Stan L. Hasty

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U. S. Supreme Court refused without comment to review a Louisiana case dealing with state aid to students attending a segregated private school.

The case, *Evangeline Parish School Board v. U.S.*, involved what the school board described as "minimal state aid" to students in non-public schools. At stake were free transportation, textbooks and school supplies for students enrolled in Evangeline Academy, a Catholic parochial school.

A U. S. district court ruled in July 1972 that the school board was complying with Louisiana statutes in providing such aid and thus rejected the argument of the U. S. government that any school, public or nonpublic, practicing racial discrimination should be denied any public subsidy.

On appeal, the U. S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the lower court's decision, holding that the government's case against the academy on charges of racial discrimination was valid.

By refusing to schedule the case for oral argument, the Supreme Court indicated neither approval nor disapproval of the lower court's decision. The practical effect, nevertheless, is that the ruling on behalf of the government in the court of appeals stands.

The school board argued that Evangeline Academy itself was being dis-

criminated against in the government's suit. The school was founded in 1969 when another Catholic school in the parish (county), Sacred Heart Academy, could no longer accommodate the number of applicants for admission.

Sacred Heart was desegregated during the 1970-71 school year when one black student enrolled. Since then, the school board pointed out, no other blacks have entered Sacred Heart.

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Bus Transportation Plans Set For SBC

DALLAS (BP) — The Dallas Transit System will provide regular bus service between the Convention Center and motels and hotels during the Southern Baptist Convention, June 11-13.

"The buses will go out as far from downtown as the housing bureau have booked large numbers," said transportation chairman George Heath, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in suburban DeSoto.

Fifty cents will be charged for all riders. Only exact change will be accepted. "The routes begin Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. and continue to run from 8-10 each morning and from 4 p.m. to the end of the night sessions, (Continued On Page 2)

Study Reveals Religious Trends In U. S.

NEW YORK (RNS) — The publication of a major ecumenical study of Christian church membership in the U. S. by region, state and county — the first such study in 18 years — was announced here (May 9) and offered as a "contribution to the study of long-range religious trends in America."

Documenting the fact that about half the U.S. population is "un-churched," at least from a Christian standpoint, the two-year study pinpoints where in the country the Christian religions are flourishing, holding their own, slowly declining or having little or no impact on the local population.

The computerized 237-page report,

entitled "A Study of Churches and Church Membership in the U. S., 1971," encompasses 80.8% of Christian church members in 50 states, just over 100 million persons. It includes a color fold-out map which delineates an almost complete Christian

geography of the nation.

The study was published by the Glenmary Research Center, Washington, D. C., a Roman Catholic agency, and was compiled by Douglas W. Johnson, staff associate at the Na-

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U. S. Baptists Still Plan June 1 As Day Of Prayer

WASHINGTON (BP)—Observance of April 30 as a national day of prayer will not affect the North American Baptist Fellowship's designation of June 1 for "thanksgiving, penitence and prayer."

Newspapers estimated that thousands of churches throughout the United States observed the April 30 date proposed in a Senate resolution introduced by Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon.

"One emphasis does not displace the other," said Sloan S. Hodges, chairman of the North American Baptist Fellowship (NABF). "In fact," he said, "the Bible says he ought always to pray."

The June 1 date was chosen by the NABF, a committee of the Baptist World Alliance, because it is the 200th anniversary of a prayer meeting held by members of the Virginia House of Burgesses, a significant event in the prelude to American independence.

Carl W. Tiller, secretary of the NABF, observed that some "have raised questions about the idea of a day of prayer following so closely upon the highly publicized April 30 observance." He went on to say:

"Although churches in many places observed a day of prayer on April 30, thinking it was to be a national observance, they were misled about the government's role. Congress never passed a resolution on the April 30 date; the Senate did, but it was pigeon holed by the House of Representatives."

"On the other hand, some of our people hold fast to the view that religious observances are properly decided by religious bodies, not by the government. Whether or not our churches held an observance on April 30, we hope that they will join in this religiously motivated call for prayer on June 1."

Seven major Baptist bodies in the United States are included in the U.S. section of the NABF which issued the June 1 call to prayer. They are American Baptist Churches in the USA, General Association of General Baptists, National Baptist Convention of America, North American Baptist General Conference, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference and the Southern Baptist Convention.

The seven U. S. bodies comprise about 18 million of 29 million Baptists in the United States. Hodges said he hoped that all Baptists in the nation, whether or not they are in NABF, will join in the day of prayer.

25 US-2ers Named By Home Board

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board (HMB) has appointed 25 recent college graduates to its two-year US-2 mission program.

New appointees for US-2 service include a student worker in Lawrence, Kan., a resort worker at the Grand Canyon, three persons to work in trailer parks and a director for a high school volunteer recruitment program.

Besides those above, 10 other young people will be assigned through the special mission ministries department to work in resort and student missions. Ben Broome of Hawkinsville, Ga., will do student work with the University of Kansas at Lawrence; John Carrigan of Portsmouth, Va., will work at Stanford University at San Jose, Calif.; Cathy Tumlin of Atlanta, Ga., will be at Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff; and Nathaniel Milton of Pocatonga, Miss., and Steve Wilson of Duncan, Okla., will do student work in Baltimore, Md., and Billings, Mt., respectively.

37 Student Missionaries Named For Summer

Thirty-seven students from eleven colleges are being sent by the Baptist Student Unions of Mississippi this summer to serve as summer missionaries in six foreign countries and sixteen states in the U.S.

The place of service, name, home town and school, of each missionary, in that order, follows:

Gaza, Ed Austin, Bowling Green,

Ky., MSU; Ghana, Marilyn Clark, Natchez, MS; Guam, Mary Lee Jones, Clarksdale, MS; Israel, Rhonda Cartwright, Memphis, MUW; Israel, Roger Jefcoat, Soso, MSU; Trinidad, Clay Moore, Sardis, Ole Miss.; Alaska, Donnie Stuart, Pelahatchie, USM; Alaska, Patty Comer, Fulton, Itawamba; Arizona, Jesse Petty, Ram-

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The Development Of Exorcism In The Patristic And Roman Catholic Church

By John P. Newport, Professor,
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(Third In A Series of Four)

In order to understand contemporary developments, it is important to see the evolution of exorcism and its various rites and practices.

Exorcism grew out of New Testament accounts of statements of Jesus, "In My name shall they cast out devils" (Luke 9:1, 10:17).

From 100 until 250 A.D. both lay Christians and members of the clergy practiced exorcism.

Justin Martyr describes this practice in the second century in his *Apology*: "For many of our Christian men exorcized numberless demons throughout the whole world and in the city of Rome in the name of Jesus Christ."

The practice seemed to have been rather simple with merely a litany, prayers and laying on of hands.

About 250 A.D. Eusebius states that the office of exorcism was the third of four minor orders in the church.

One function of the exorcist related to development of infant baptism and the developing dogma of original sin.

Exorcism removed the impediment to grace resulting from effects of original sin. Furthermore, the whole

world was seen as being under the power of the devil.

Givry suggests that in those early centuries it was taught that a child entered the world under auspices of a demon. A voluntary renunciation of the devil was required of a candidate for baptism.

When infants were baptized, renunciation was undertaken by sponsors on their behalf. The pre-baptismal exorcism ceremony included a command "Come out of him, thou unclean spirit!"

Books are available giving exorcism sentences used by such notables as Ambrose and Cyprian.

Hippolytus gives examples of certain older people who were conspicuously unclean and needed special exorcism before baptism.

These included prostitutes, pervers, eunuchs, magicians and diviners. The bishop himself performed exorcisms for them.

Waterless places are spoken of in the gospel of Matthew (12:43) as an unsatisfactory abode for demons when they have been driven out of a man.

It was generally thought that water was the demon's element. Consequently the Christian church began quite early — about 150 A.D. — to have a blessing or exorcism of the water that was to be used for baptism.

Neoplatonist philosophy influenced Greek theologians to teach that demons had spiritual bodies made of air.

This is perhaps related to the practice of opening the ears with the command "Effeta" (be opened) during an exorcism.

The idea of a demon having an air body also throws light on certain witchcraft practices.

A suspected witch was oftentimes thrown into deep water. If she floated, a demon in the form of air, was proved to be still in her. If she sank, she was free of demons. In either case, the result was hopeless.

Athanasius tells of demons physically assaulting St. Anthony with flashes and in the form of beasts and reptiles.

It was this sort of tradition that was to keep alive notions of possession that survived up to the present time.

By the 13th century, the theory that angels have no body had largely won the theological field. This was primarily accomplished by Thomas Aquinas.

According to Aquinas, demons were pure spirits and had intellects superior to man's, even though they had fallen from grace.

They could not, however, do anything against man without permission of God, and God never allows temptation to exceed a person's powers of resistance.

Thomas Aquinas followed Augustine in teaching that demons manipulate internal body fluids in order to activate sense appetites.

Besides tampering with imagination,

demons can also interfere with external sensations by their movement of body fluids and can arouse emotions to anger, lust or other vicious passions.

For Aquinas, possession implies a more continuous demonic presence than temptation. The devil can actually inhabit the body.

At the height of witchcraft trials, numerous anthologies of rites for exorcisms were published.

In 1627, a 1232-page *Thesaurus of Exorcism* was published. This *Thesaurus* included exorcisms for nearly all possible eventualities: an exorcism against a demon vexing a house, exorcisms against the drying up of cows, noxious pests (such as caterpillars and locusts), various sicknesses (including "stomachaches and belly pains").

There were even exorcisms for worn-out husbands reduced to regrettable impotence by the malice of Satan.

Devotional usages such as the sign of the cross, holy water, rosaries and St. Benedict badges were developed as everyday exorcisms for repelling demons.

Oftentimes the sign of the cross was made over the mouth in yawning so that no evil spirit would dare enter.

In Europe, demon possession took the form of major group epidemics. One hysterical nun would rapidly infect the whole nunnery.

The most famous of all cases of possession, the epidemic in 1634 in Loudun, France, was made famous by Aldous Huxley.

The Mother Superior displayed classical symptoms of possession. Father Urbain Grandier, foe of Cardinal Richelieu, was accused of bewitching nuns and burned. Hysteria continued after his execution and spread to other convents.

A well-known case of individual possession occurred in Vienna in 1583. A 16-year-old girl suffering from cramps was considered as a demoniac.

After eight weeks of exorcism, Jesuits expelled 12,632 living demons, which her grandmother kept in the form of flies in glass jars!

The Roman Catholic Church took rather decisive steps to control exorcism in 1614.

In the *Roman Ritual*, issued in 1614 under Paul V, the following rules for exorcism appear: "First of all, he should not easily believe that anyone is possessed by a demon, but let him know the signs whereby a possessed person can be distinguished from those who suffer from black bile (melancholy or some disease). Now the signs of a possessing demon are: the speaking of many words or the understanding of a speaker in an unknown tongue; the revealing of distant and occult things; the manifestation of powers beyond the nature of one's age or condition; and other things of this sort, which when several occur together are all the more decisive indications."

This precaution greatly diminished the practice of exorcism.

It was not until 1917 that exorcism was restricted to priests who had gained episcopal permission.

The movie "The Exorcist" has heightened the controversy about exorcism in the Roman Catholic Church.

Some scholars such as Sudbrack suggest that demon possession can best be interpreted in terms of a primitive mind-set. The eminent theologian, Karl Rahner, holds out for genuine possession in rare cases.

He agrees that it is difficult to distinguish between mental illness, parapsychological faculties and demon possession. In some cases both psychological help and exorcism should be utilized.

Rahner is opposed, however, to exorcism as a theatrical ritual in which demons as well as God are addressed.

Rahner apparently accepts the idea that ceremonial exorcism can act effectively on a sick man's sub-consciousness.

Debate continues on dangers of premature exorcism. Sudbrack suggests that the practice of exorcism has in the past caused many medical precautions and treatments to be neglected.

Many main-line Catholics urge continuation of exorcism if demands of the *Roman Ritual* in making certain of the demoniac nature of the affliction are met.

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explains Porter Routh, executive secretary - treasurer of the Executive Committee, "is to more carefully preserve the viewpoint of the persons who sit in the pew when naming trustees to our convention agency boards."

Routh said that pastors and full-time religious workers, whether ordained or not, would tend to have the same perspective on issues. And he said, "you might have a person who was ordained early in life but had left the pastorate and spent 20 years in secular work. That person would tend to look at things more from the standpoint of a layman."

One, and probably two, recommendations which emanated from the Executive Committee's Committee of 15 study group will face convention messengers.

One involves authorizing the convention's new president to appoint a seven-person committee to study the Executive Committee in the same manner the Committee of 15 studied the convention agencies.

Last February, the Executive Committee modified a Committee of 15 request for a two-year SBC "strategy" review of total convention missions efforts by appointing a nine-person committee to work out a recommendation to challenge Southern Baptists in missionary support for the next quarter-century.

That report, if approved at the Executive Committee's June 10 meeting in Dallas, will be presented to the SBC meeting for action later in the week.

Three other of the Committee of 15's recommendations, not acted on in February, will also be considered by the Executive Committee on June 10.

They are: (1) to allow the Southern Baptist Foundation to advertise its services in SBC periodicals, (2) to endorse another major organizational structure study of SBC agencies around 1980, (3) to discharge the Committee of 15, which completed a four-year study of convention structure in February.

Ratification of Executive Committee action on these points may or may not be asked for at the SBC meeting later in the week, depending on what action the committee takes.

In other action, trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will ask messengers to approve establishment of a Ministry Training Center, to be called the Boyce Bible School, to operate within the seminary's charter as a non-degree school for pastors with little or no seminary training.

The proposal, already approved by the Executive Committee, would operate within the seminary's regular budget and expand its existing non-degree program.

The Christian Life Commission recommendation on women also urges Baptists to "reaffirm our commitment to the Bible's teaching that every individual has infinite worth and that, in Christ, there is neither male nor female, and that we endeavor to communicate these basic truths through Christian education, by preaching and example in church and at home."

The recommendation states further that we work to develop greater sensitivity to both overt and covert discrimination against women.

that our churches and our denominational agencies bear witness to the rest of society by rejecting discrimination against women in job placement, by providing equal pay for equal work and by electing women to positions of leadership for which God's gifts and the Holy Spirit's calling equip them."

Besides recommendations on women, integrity in government and economic life, the Christian Life Commission also speaks out on race relations, recommending that Southern Baptist agencies "seek within their program assignments and employment practices to communicate the conviction that racism is theologically untenable, politically destructive and socially dehumanizing."

It further urges that Baptists "work earnestly for racial justice in public education, employment, health care, housing, consumer concerns and citizen participation in the political process," and that "we renew efforts toward cooperation between those who differ racially, ethnically or culturally."

Other items for action include Executive Committee recommendations that the convention change program statements of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards to allow the Home Mission Board to transfer its work in Panama to the Foreign Mission Board, that approval be granted for a change in the Sunday School Board's formula for contribution to the convention operating budget and that Bylaw 8 be amended to add a representative of Women's Missionary Union to the convention's Public Affairs Committee.

Messengers will also be asked to approve a 1974-75 Cooperative Program unified budget of \$40 million, including \$36 million operating budget for SBC agencies, \$3 million "challenge budget" and \$1 million capital needs budget.

Also up for approval will be a \$715,000 convention operating budget, which includes the budget of the SBC Executive Committee with offices in Nashville, expenses for the annual SBC meeting, special committee expenses, legal and auditing fees and contributions to the Baptist World Alliance and Religion in American Life.

The Executive Committee will recommend that messengers endorse the launching of a long-range planning program for the Southern Baptist impact in the 1980s and develop plans in 1974 for a Declaration of Cooperation to challenge Southern Baptist churches, through their state conventions, to make a commitment of \$150 million through the Cooperative Program for 1975, with the anticipation these funds will be received in 1976. The SBC Stewardship Commission would implement the program, if approved.

A new convention president will be elected to succeed Owen Cooper, a layman from Yazoo City, Miss., who is not eligible for re-election since he is completing his second year in that office.

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explained Heath. Except on Wednesday, he continued, when there is no afternoon session, the buses will run from the Convention Center to the hotels at noon.

"Because of the parking situation in the Convention Center area in downtown Dallas during the day, we



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To Graduate At Southwestern

(FORT WORTH, TEXAS)—Four students from Mississippi will receive degrees during spring commencement exercises to be held at Southwestern Seminary, May 10, 10 a.m. James H. Landes, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will be the commencement speaker.

MISSISSIPPI: Edwin J. Deutsche, Belden, Master of Divinity; Tommy G. Echols, Braxton, Master of Church Music and Master of Religious Education; Kelly D. Young, Meridian, Master of Divinity.

Official Notice

In compliance with Convention requirement, notice is hereby given to all members of churches cooperating with the Mississippi Baptist Conventions—that suggestions for members of the Boards of Trustees of the four colleges owned by the Convention should be made in writing to the Committee on Nominations between now and Oct. 1st, 1974. The committee chairman is: Dr. Fuller Saunders, First Baptist Church, Houston, MS. 38851.

Earl Kelly,
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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red Heart and no black teachers have been employed.

Evangeline Academy, meanwhile, has remained all-white since its inception in 1969, although the school board argued that the school's admissions policy is non-discriminatory. The reason that the school remains all-white, the argument continued, is that no black students have applied for admission.

The heart of the government's argument was that parents were purposely withdrawing their children from the parish's public schools and enrolling them at Evangeline Academy to escape the newly desegregated public schools.

NOMINATIONS FOR SBC ANNUAL SERMON PREACHER REQUESTED

LITTLE ROCK (BP)—Nominations for persons to preach the annual convention sermon at the 1975 Southern Baptist Convention session in Miami Beach, Fla., are being accepted by the SBC Committee on Order of Business, the committee's chairman said here.

W. O. Vaughn, committee chairman and the pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church here, said the committee would consider every name submitted before giving its recommendations to the convention in Dallas, June 11-13.

Vaughn asked that suggestions be sent to the committee in care of the chairman by writing to him at the church address, 1000 Bishop Street, Little Rock, Ark., 72203.



2500 Attend Music Festival

An estimated 2500 persons from every section of the state were present from the State Young Musicians Festival held April 27 in the Mississippi Coliseum, sponsored by the Music Department, Dan C. Hall, director.

Luanda, Angola — Nearly 500 deacons were made for Christ recently in the 20 churches of the Angolan Baptist Convention during the first phase of a revival campaign. According to Southern Baptist missionary press representative Mrs. Harrison H. Pike, many of those making decisions were Portuguese pastors came from mainland Portugal to assist in these services.

want to encourage as many as possible to leave their cars at the hotels and take advantage of the bus service," said Heath.

Taxis also will be available at the Convention Center, he added, assured, Heath added, that the Surban Bus Service from the Dallas - Fort Worth International Airport can adequately transport those flying to the convention.

Gulfshore Campaign

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assembly has been presented as part of the statewide plan of giving for individuals, as follows:

Six conference rooms at \$6,000 each; 122 bedrooms at \$3,000 each; two meeting rooms at \$10,000 each; program director's office, \$4,000; manager's office, \$2,000; lounge - lobby, \$50,000; dining room, \$25,000; day care facility, \$30,000; book store, \$3,000; gift shop, \$12,000; pulpit furnishings, \$5,000; infirmary, \$10,000 and auditorium, \$100,000.

Mr. Holman said that individuals would be presented an opportunity to give any amount they desired but he felt that many will take advantage of the chance to give one or more of the "Living Memorials" for the facility.

Assembly funds already on hand when the campaign was launched were those received from insurance following Camille and on Dec. 31, 1970 the total was \$612,153, including

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tional Council of Churches' Office of Research, Evaluation and Planning, New York; Paul R. Picard, director of Research, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, St. Louis; and Father Bernard Quinn, director of the Glenmary Research Center.

In a preface to the study, the authors expressed the hope that "this report, despite its limitations, will facilitate ecumenical and denominational planning, contribute to the study of long range religious trends in America, and stimulate a more sophisticated study of churches and church membership at the time of the 1980 census."

The study's statistics, based on 1971 figures, were provided by 53 Christian communions, with a combined membership of 100,812,489. This represents 49.6% of the 1970 U. S. population and 80.8% of the estimated 1971 Christian church membership reported by the Yearbook of American Churches.

Participants in the study included 13 church denominations with over 1 million members, 17 communions with memberships between 100,000 and 999,999, and 23 communions with memberships of less than 100,000.

Among the significant omissions from the study are six major black Christian denominations which "do not have national systems for reporting membership statistics," Eastern Orthodox Churches, the Churches of Christ, the Assemblies of God and a number of smaller denominations.

A total of 109 denominations participated in a 1966 National Council of Churches' study — based on 1962 figures — but many of these no longer exist or have been involved in mergers. However, there were 16 communions participating in the 1971 study that did not participate in the earlier NCC study. A large addition was the Christian Churches and Churches of Christ with almost 1 million members.

Of the estimated 24 million Christian church members not accounted for in the current study, approximately 13 million are members of black denominations, some 4.2 million are Eastern Orthodox, and the Churches of Christ and the Assemblies of God each report about 2.4 million members. The remaining few million are from various small churches.

The new study is broken down into three "tables" — a U. S. summary, a regional-state presentation, and a state-county elaboration.

The first table presents for each denomination the number of churches, communicants, confirmed or full members, and the total adherents for the entire country. It also shows what percentage of the total U.S. population comprises church members.

Table 2 presents nine census regions and state totals of churches and members, while the third table provides the "detailed data" on which the totals in the first two tables are based. For each county there is a grand total of churches and members reported, as well as the percent of the interest.

This fund has grown until currently it totals \$62,145, which includes both interest and allocations from convention funds. Of this amount \$170,285 is reserved for Kiltwake Assembly or its replacement, leaving \$811,861 in the account to be added to the campaign and other funds to restore Gulfshore.

county population the communion represents.

At a pre-release briefing on the study during the Catholic Press Association-Associated Church Press joint convention in Denver (April 25), Mr. Johnson described the study as the "most comprehensive" look at U. S. Church membership in 20 years and the answer to the need for data on the strengths and weaknesses of Christian Churches in the U.S.

The study reveals in a variety of changes and trends, according to Mr. Johnson. He added that these changes and trends would have to be viewed with the qualification that the study figures are three years old.

Among the significant ramifications of the study are:

—The comparison with the 1962 NCC study shows that the percentage of church membership had grown from 45.8% of the population in 1962 to 49.6% in 1971. It is estimated that the over-all population growth was 34.9%.

—A comparison of total losses and gains of theologically liberal, moderate and conservative Churches during that 20 year period indicated that membership losses were suffered by some conservative and liberal Churches.

Mr. Johnson also pointed out that in order to have grown a Church would have to have gained more than 35%, to keep up with population growth. Most large theologically liberal and moderate Churches failed to keep pace, he said, while many conservative and evangelical Churches outstripped the population gain. However, he added, the trend is still mixed.

The study divides the U.S. into nine regions and compares church membership in each. The Pacific region (Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington) has the least church members (33.5%), while New England (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut) has the largest church membership (60.4%).

The Catholic Church, with 36% of total U. S. Christian membership is the largest communion, and in terms of the study Catholics represent 44.5% of all church members included.

The study shows that while all Churches are "national" Churches, most are concentrated in certain regions. The most concentrated of all (Mormon), located primarily in Utah. Southern Baptists are concentrated in the Deep South, but spreading West and North; the United Methodists are concentrated in the Central U.S., but with the Episcopalians are the most truly national bodies among Protestants.

Lutherans are still primarily located in the Midwest and Northern Plains, while the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is based mainly in the middle part of the country.

The new computerized study, described by Father Quinn as a "modern contribution to church research," is based on a sample of church members — as many surveys — but on an extensive accumulation of statistics from all the denominations involved. The statistics were processed at the computer center of Concordia (Lutheran) Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois.

The book is available from the NCC, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10025, or from the Glenmary Research Center, 4604 East-West Highway, Washington, D. C., 20014.

Clarke College Commencement Today



Marion

Thursday, May 9, is 1974 Commencement Day at Clarke College. Sixty sophomores were presented this morning by Dean Victor R. Vaughn and received the AA degree, conferred by President W. L. Compere. The commencement service was held at ten o'clock today in the sanctuary of First Church, Newton. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Lucius

B. Marion, Jr., pastor of Clarksdale Church and member of the Clarke Board of Trustees.

Rev. L. B. Marion is a native of South Carolina.

Pastorates held since graduation from Southern Seminary include First, Johnston, South Carolina; Charleston Heights, Charleston, South Carolina; First, Tuscaloosa, Alabama and his present pastorate, First, Clarksdale, where he has served for more than twelve years.

The Clarksdale pastor has served his denomination in a number of capacities: President, Ministerial Association in Clarksdale; Chairman of Evangelism in Riverside Association; moderator of Riverside Association; trustee, Baptist Memorial Hospital; member Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission; President, Mississippi Chapter, Southern Semi-

nary Alumni Association.

Graduation exercises are to be held at 3 p.m. today in the auditorium of First Church, Newton. Honorable William Winter, Lieutenant Governor, State of Mississippi, will deliver the address to graduating sophomores.

Lieutenant Governor William F. Winter was valedictorian of his class when he graduated from Grenada High School and was named Outstanding Graduate of Ole Miss Law School in 1949 when he was awarded both the BA and LLB degrees from the University of Mississippi.

In the area of civic activities, he is a former president of Mississippi Historical Society. Currently, he is serving as President, Mississippi Department of Archives and History Board of Trustees and as a member of Belhaven College Board of Trustees. He is an elder in the Presbyterian church.

The Convention President Speaks

There is more than one way we, as Christians, can be counted for what is right. One way is that we can not only speak out for good ourselves, but we can also encourage those who take a stand themselves. A case at point, in my opinion, is the showing of the very controversial film, "The Exorcist." In some of our cities, the officials have seized the film and have sought to prevent the showing due to the obscenity. Naturally, the officials have taken a great deal of abuse from those who disagree with the action. But this is a time when we who believe in the right should speak out in the defense of such action and send words of praise.

Another way we can be counted on the side of righteousness is to take a definite stand against evil. This is not easy. It takes digging to get the facts and being careful about mistating the truth. It also takes courage and a willingness to take abuse when the foes throw it at us. It takes walking close to God and being controlled by the Holy Spirit. It also takes being sensitive to that Spirit.

I believe the fruits of such efforts are rewarding. I also believe we have the blessings of God upon us and a clear conscience. Personally, I am not the kind of person who can sit and let sin be rampant. I cannot live with myself when I do. My prayer is that you may have a similar conscience. — David Grant.

In September, 1925, Colonel William ("Billy") Mitchell, outspoken advocate of a strong, independent air force, accused the War and Navy Departments of "incompetency, criminal negligence, and almost treasonable administration of the National Defense." He was court-martialed on Dec. 17, 1925.

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BMC Graduation—Making final adjustments just prior to graduation exercises were Deborah Caten Sanders (standing) of Blue Mountain and Sandy Strickland of Baldwin.

Blue Mountain

Centennial Class Graduates

The Blue Mountain College graduating class of 1974, the Centennial Class, heard Owen Cooper, the President of the Southern Baptist Convention and noted Mississippi industrialist, challenge them to make the most of the opportunities around them and to strive to make the world a better place in which to live through Christian service.

The remarks came as part of his

Commencement Address to the Class of '74 and highlighted graduation day activities at the school. Earlier in the day Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon.

Mrs. Vashti O. Lewis of the Blue Mountain College Department of Education was named "Teacher of the Year" in a presentation prior to the awarding of diplomas.

Mrs. Lewis is from Batesville and taught for more than 20 years in the elementary school system there before joining the Blue Mountain staff as head of the Education Department and director of the student teaching program in 1965. She has directed the Elementary Teachers Workshop at the college during the past eight years. A graduate of MSCW and the University of Mississippi, she has announced her retirement at the end of the school year.

President, E. Harold Fisher, said, "It was a very exciting year for Blue Mountain College as we celebrated our 100th birthday and we are looking forward to an even more exciting period in the years that lie ahead."

Leroy Cleverdon, Retired Baptist Leader, Dies At Age 79

SUMMERDALE, Ala. (BP)—Leroy G. Cleverdon, 79, a retired Southern Baptist educator and pastor, died here.

Cleverdon retired in 1961 after almost 20 years as pastor of First Baptist Church, Savannah, Ga. Before that he had served for 10 years as president of Judson College, a Baptist woman's institution in Marion, Ala.

He is also former head of the religious education department at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, former chairman of the trustees of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, and was a contributor to the original Southern Baptist Encyclopedia.

Plenty of people are willing to give God credit; but few are willing to give Him cash.

Carey Annual Commencement Day May 18



Giles

Two outstanding Mississippians will deliver addresses at William Carey College's annual commencement day activities on the Hattiesburg campus on May 18, according to an announcement today by President of the college, Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester.

Dr. William L. Giles, president of

Mississippi State University, will deliver the commencement address in the evening at which time approximately 300 seniors will receive degrees and three master of music degrees will be presented. Services begin at 5 p.m.

Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor of First Church, Biloxi will preach the baccalaureate sermon at 10 a.m. Both services will be held in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium on the Carey campus.

Dr. Giles, born in Oklahoma and reared in Arkansas, moved his home to Mississippi in 1949 when he came to the campus of Mississippi State University to teach and perform research in agronomy. He holds the B.S. degree in agriculture from the University of Arkansas, where he al-

so earned the M.S. degree in botany. His PhD is from the University of Missouri. In 1967 he was awarded an LL.D. degree from the University of Arkansas.

Rev. Frank Gunn, a trustee of William Carey College, is a native of Prentiss, Mississippi, reared in Indiana. He holds the bachelor degree from Mississippi College and the Bachelor of Divinity degree from the New Orleans Seminary.

Mr. Gunn was second vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1973. He is Sub Area Chairman for the Restore Gulfshore Committee, member of the Gulf Coast Ministerial Association, and is field supervisor for the Doctor of Ministry Degree Program for the New Orleans Seminary.

Village Spotlited During Christian Home Week

Christian Home Week, the period of May 7 to May 12, 1974 inclusive, is recognized throughout Southern Baptist Convention as a week of emphasis upon the moral, spiritual and ethical traditions and values of the Christian home.

By Convention action, in Mississippi, Christian Home Week is reserved as the period of mission emphasis upon the work of The Baptist Children's Village and its child care ministry to neglected and dependent Mississippi children and the crisis-crippled private homes from which these children come to the Village for assistance.

In its Christian Home Week announcements, the Village administration has released facts about its child care operation, which, according to Village Superintendent, Paul N. Nunnery, should be of interest to Mississippi Baptist churches which lend their support to the Village. Mr. Nunnery has pointed out that the Village has been in continuous operation in Jackson, Mississippi, as a Convention-agency for 77 years, and that the first children were actually admitted

to care on May 12, 1897, or exactly 77 years ago on Mother's Day, 1974.

In his comments emphasizing the importance of the traditional Mother's Day offering, Mr. Nunnery reported that 56 different Mississippi counties are currently represented among the boys and girls currently under care who are wards of The Baptist Children's Village, and that if current enrollment trends prevail throughout 1974, in excess of 350 different children will become the "custodial responsibility" of the Village at some time during the year. The report indicates that the Children's Village this year maintains 7 of its young people in various colleges and universities of the state, 2 of its young people in post-high school vocational training, and many dozens of boys and girls in the various grades of the public schools. Children and young people who reside on the Jackson campus.

An annual Religious Emphasis Week is observed each year during the summer months to emphasize the relationship of the Christian home to the church, the usefulness of regular

attendance upon the routine worship services available to the Village population, and the effectiveness of Christian ethics in the vocations and the professions.

The Village has publicized its "team approach" to the solution of problems and the meeting of challenges presented by its wards, through a multifaceted program of services on its Jackson campus. Reportedly, these services to children include: Trained, social case work, from the Village's 6-member social service staff, supported and directed by its two child psychologists; a full program of recreation, activities and athletics under the leadership of a trained Director of Activities with past experience in both school and church youth work; a full-time, professionally directed Department of Music, utilized for pleasure, for spiritual enrichment and for emotional therapy; the teaching of remedial and corrective reading and organized group of tutors supervising home study in support of public education; spiritual counseling and leadership resulting in about 50 decisions for Christ each year; the finest in

medical, dental and, surgical care which can be afforded in the Jackson area. In listing these services and ministries, Village administration has emphasized the omission of its costliest service of all, being the feeding, clothing and housing of hundreds of children and young people each year at cash outlays which are steadily spiraling.

"As Mississippi Baptists observe our 77th birthday on Mother's Day," Nunnery has stated, "it is prayerfully hoped that organized Baptist churches of Mississippi, whom we represent in a sensitive mission cause, and whose areas of influence we undertake to serve, will remember our Mississippi children and their problems, difficult demanding and costly through they be, in a particularly generous manner. In a very real sense, these are dependent children, and they are dependent upon you and I — Mississippi Baptists."

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Acteens Celebration Held At Blue Mountain

By Barbara Taylor

The Gal-ry at Blue Mountain College was the setting for the Acteens Celebration, April 19-20, as over two hundred Acteens from north Mississippi churches gathered to enjoy the special weekend for them at the college. Marilyn Hopkins, Acteens director for Mississippi WMU, was in charge of the weekend designed especially for Acteens.

The gathering was planned for fun, for fellowship, for gaining information about missions, missionaries, the Acteens organization, and for meeting other girls who share an interest in, and a love for Acteens.

With the theme, "Something Good is Going to Happen to You," something "good" surely did happen to those participating in the program. Acteens learned of student summer missions from Joy Hurt, Teresa Rome,

and Cheryl Owen, three Blue Mountain College students who served in the summer missions program. In addition to hearing of summer mission opportunities, the girls enjoyed learning of missions in Uganda as Mrs. Jerry Simon told of the work which she and her family do and also shared slides from Uganda.

A special treat was in store as The II Century, a folk-singing group from Blue Mountain, presented a mini-concert on Saturday afternoon.

As the girls and their leaders returned to their homes on Saturday, each person knew that truly something good had happened to her—for girls, as well as leaders, were returning with feelings of new friendships, of increased missions insights, of renewed inspiration and dedication to Acteens and to God.



Acteens from Louisville with Marilyn Hopkins, state Acteens director. From left to right are: Valeria Donald; Miss Hopkins; Mrs. Eddie Westbrook, leader; Cathy Coffey, kneeling is Teresa Taylor.



Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Simon and their daughter, Kimberly Kay — the "Littlest Acteen" to attend the Acteens Celebration — pictured with Mrs. Peggy B. Hopper, alumnae secretary, Blue Mountain College; and Mrs. Carla F. Benson, secretary to the president, Blue Mountain College.



Blue Mountain's president, Harold Fisher, is pictured with a group of Acteens in the College Book Store during the weekend.



Presenting special music during the weekend was The II Century, a folk-singing group from Blue Mountain College. From left to right are: Martha Thomas; Robin Smith; Susan Bell; Lori Dean; Cindy Boyd; and Ray Kirk, pictured in front.



Mrs. Harold Fisher, fourth from left back row, served as hostess for a coffee given in honor of the Acteens and leaders who attend the Acteens Celebration. Mrs. Fisher is pictured with some of the participants on the patio of the Blue Mountain Student Center.



This group of Acteens from Riverside church, Clarksdale, traveled the farthest distance to attend the meeting. In the center of the picture, President Harold Fisher, greets Marilyn Hopkins, state Acteens director, and welcomes the entire group to Blue Mountain.

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God Give Us Christian Mothers

The Bible makes very clear the position of mothers in the lives of men. Throughout the Old Testament the place of mothers is magnified, for among the Hebrews motherhood was considered one of the greatest blessings of God. The New Testament also recognizes and honors the place of motherhood, and has much to say concerning it.

The influence of mothers is revealed in many ways in the Bible, but in no way is it pointed out more clearly than in some of the historical records in the Kings and Chronicles. There we often find after the name of a king a delineation of his character, and then the words "and his mother's name was..." The intimation is left by the historian that it was the mother who helped shape his character. Whether this was the purpose of those writers we cannot be sure, but we do know that it is a fact. Often the mightiest force in the shaping of a man's character and destiny is the influence of his mother.

As we come to Mother's Day, two thoughts come to mind. First, we thank God for godly mothers of our own generation, and for what they meant in the shaping of our lives. I, as one person, can look back to what my own mother meant to me, and thank God for the life she lived before me, for the love she gave me, for the sacrifices she made for me, and for the things she instilled in me as a preparation for the life situations that I was to face. How I do thank God that she taught me to love the church, and the Bible, and that she pointed me to Christ. I also thank God for the mother of my children, as I have seen her loving them, praying for them, teaching them, guiding them, guarding them, and living a godly life before them. Further, I look at my daughter, and watch her as she seeks to guide the lives of her children. How beautiful is the character, the dedication, and the love, which is their heritage, in a mother who gives her self to them. The mothers I have known best make me thank God for Christian mothers, and what they have meant and are meaning to the world.

A second thought, however, presses upon me as this Mother's Day comes:

the world never has needed real Christian mothers more than at this very moment. Perhaps, the task has never been more difficult, for the world is different today, and the home is different, and far more forces influence the children than ever before in history. Mothers of previous generations have not had to contend with all the evil now loosed by television, radio, moving pictures, magazines, and books, etc. Surely no generation has faced the temptations the children and youth of today face, and never have they needed more the strength, and wisdom and guidance that only Christian homes and Christian mothers and fathers can give. Our cry today has to be, "God give us Christian mothers for today's children!"

What do those mothers need to be? They need to be true Christian mothers who:

—have had a personal experience of a new birth in Christ Jesus, which has made their own lives His.

—live that Christian life in their homes, day by day, hour by hour.

—love the Word of God, and know how to pray.

—do not send their children to church, but take them.

—make their children first in their lives, and do not allow worldly concern, and business or pleasure to come ahead of them.

—know how to communicate with their children, to understand them, to properly discipline them, to listen to them, and to keep their love and trust.

This is a big job, an overwhelming one, but it is the crying need of this hour.

Our prayer needs to be "God give us Christian mothers for today's generation."

Don't Forget The Children

By action of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Christian Home Week and Mother's Day are the one time of the year when the Baptist Children's Village may make a concerted appeal to the churches for the support of its work. While churches and individuals may make gifts at any time, this is the one time when the Village can make an organized effort to secure support.

As was stated in the article concerning the offering in the April 25 Baptist Record, about 70% of the support for the home comes through this special offering. That makes it imperative that churches all across the state share in the offering.

Mississippi Baptists have every reason to be proud of the Children's Village for there is no finer children's ministry in the entire Southern Baptist Convention. The very best care that can be provided is given each year to about 300 children. The facilities are the finest, and the administration and staff are completely dedicated to their task.

Because of the rampant inflation which has existed for the past several years, and especially in recent months, the costs of the care of the children at the home has risen astronomically. This is why that it is absolutely necessary that churches and individuals making gifts do much more than they ever have done before. This 1974 offering should be the largest in the history of the Mississippi Baptist ministry to children.

Let every church in the state take action now that will make the offering next Sunday, or as soon thereafter as possible, be the largest it ever has made. Mississippi Baptists have accepted responsibility for providing care for children needing help. We have established the home and employed an administration and staff. Now, we must provide them with adequate funds to do the job we have assigned to them. Let us not forget the children next Sunday!

This Task Should Be Completed Quickly!

On page one of this issue of the Record we carry the news story of the progress of the campaign to raise funds for the rebuilding of the Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, the facility which was destroyed by Hurricane Camille five years ago.

The report reveals that splendid progress has been made in the campaign set by the convention to raise \$1,250,000 in a special rebuilding fund

before any construction begins, but that the goal has not yet been reached.

Almost three-fourths of the needed fund has been pledged by churches and individuals, and projections based upon pledges, and gifts from those who have not pledged, indicate that the amount is even nearer the goal.

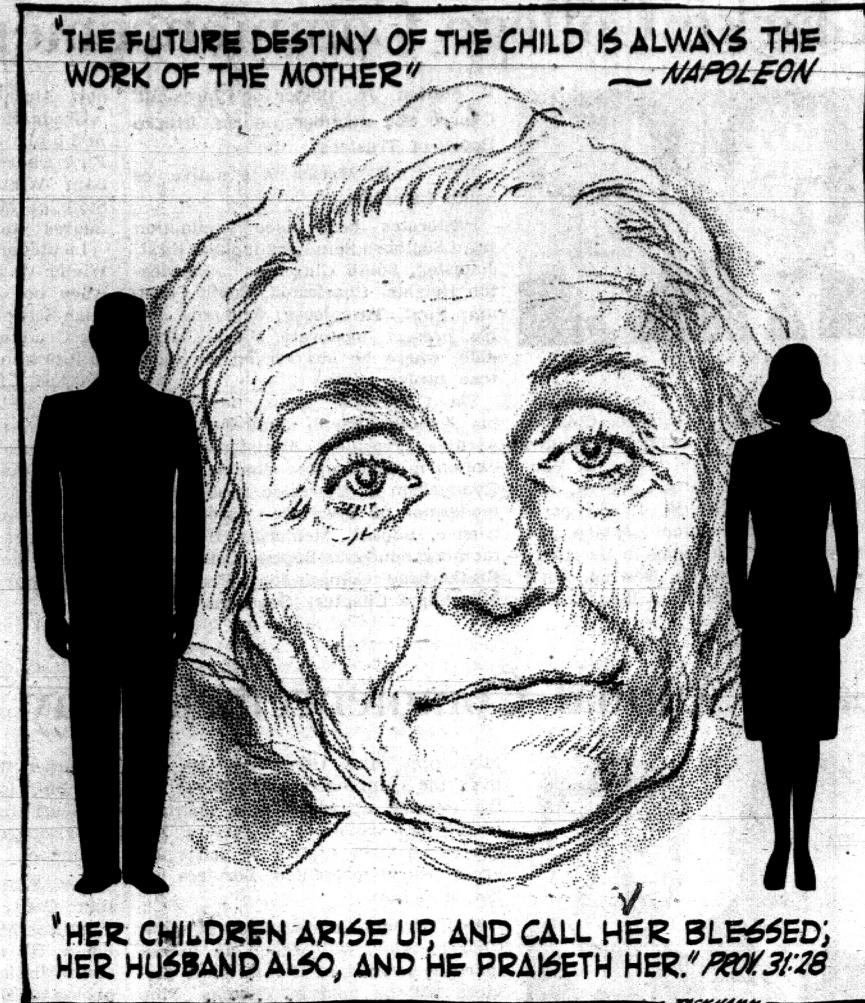
The committee is anxious to complete the task, and will not feel that its work is done until the entire \$1,250,000 is pledged or is in view.

This is a task which every Mississip-

pi Baptist should support, and which we should complete as quickly as possible. None of us can question for a minute the need for a facility such as the assembly, or the great contribution it will make to our work.

If every church and every individual Baptist becomes concerned, and joins in support of the fund drive, the goal quickly will be reached, and the new Gulfshore will soon be a reality.

Let us all pray and work to complete this task now!



Her Place Still Paramount

THE BAPTIST FORUM Pastor Needed In German Church

Dear Sir:

Last year I wrote to you seeking help in finding a pastor for the Zweibrücken Baptist Church. Because of the fine assistance given us by editors such as you, we now have a pastor serving faithfully on the field.

I am now in a similar position as our church helps a sister church. The Pirmasens Baptist Church is seeking a pastor and they have asked that I act as chairman of their pulpits committee. I am, once again, seeking ways to make known our needs to the mission minded pastors in the United States. If you can help us by sharing this need with your readers, we would appreciate such service.

Pirmasens Baptist Church serves a community of 10,000 American military men and dependents. It has the only evangelistic outreach in the city. We deserve to make contact with men who are interested in giving themselves in this type of mission endeavor. We are especially interested in hearing from mature men, with seminary background, and pastor experience with military or transient people.

Inquiries should be addressed to me along with biographical data. All inquiries will be promptly answered.

Major Charles R. Edwards
Community Commanders Office
APO New York 09032

Appreciates Stand On "Exorcist"

Dear Dr. Odle:

I passed my latest paper on to some one else to read. But anyway felt like writing you and thanking you for speaking out against the picture which is being now really talked about here, "The Exorcist." I am afraid of it and wouldn't look at one of the books so am not in a position to comment much against it. I want to at least call our theatre personnel and state my name as one that wishes to protest its showing here.

No wonder our young people around these parts are so interested in selling dope. Older people are not speaking out and putting up a real fight for them to channel their energies into better things.

Mrs. Gladys Ward
Natchez

On The MORAL SCENE...

CHECKING UP ON CHARITIES — "Americans last year gave some \$22 billion in charity, with 86% of that large sum coming from individual donors. Yet no one really knows where all the money went. . . . Senator Walter Mondale, chairman of the Subcommittee on Children and Youth, has become increasingly alarmed at the operations of unchecked charities. . . . The national office of the Better Business Bureau received 10,000 inquiries and complaints about charities last year. . . . Mondale's investigators found that more than half of the \$4 million the E.F.A. spent last year went to meet fundraising and administrative costs. . . . It may become necessary to require charitable groups to adopt uniform accounting procedures. Other possible strictures: limit the amount they spend on fund-raising promotions and include brief statements of their financial status on all solicitations. . . . "When you're running up very high costs," says Mondale, "there is a good argument that you are not a charity but a public nuisance." Time, April 22, 1974.

FREE POSTAGE BOTH WAYS? — Since our congressmen and senators are allowed free postage to contact constituents, why shouldn't we be able to write to them free of charge? This would encourage action and reaction from the grass roots; supposedly the people who represent us would find out more from more of us. Send a letter to your representatives in Washington today urging that free postage be allowed.

(From "Briefcase," in Everybody's Money, Spring 74)



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Recently, in a conversation about Father's Day coming later than Mother's Day, one of our sons said, "Don't worry, Daddy. We'll let you have your day. You've worked hard for it."

I felt like saying, "So, what have I been doing these last nearly twenty-one years?"

This being a mother is really something, isn't it? It has always been surprising to me that the incidence of heart trouble is greater in fathers than in mothers. Just think of the beating a mother's heart may take on an average day as it bounces from pole to pole — from the thrilling ache of exhilaration to the choking pain of sadness half a dozen times or so as she vicariously goes through a second childhood, adolescence, young adulthood, whatever her children are going through, all at the same time.

Wouldn't it be nice if a mother could keep from hurting when her child hurts, weeping when her child weeps, worrying when her child worries, lashing out when her child lashes out, having all over again those knot-in-the-stomach experiences everybody must have in growing up? And finding they hurt worse than when she had them herself.

One of the best daddies I know told James and me a few months ago as we discussed our rapidly growing-up children, "I was a good daddy for my children when they were little, but I am a miserable daddy for them now that they are grown."

We knew what he meant because, seeing one or more of the boys going through a hard time, we had often said to each other, "It's too bad boys outgrow rocking and hugging when they're sad."

But they surely do.

Now, to the happy side. While parents must stand back and let a child learn to handle hurt, hostility, disappointment, anxiety, and the like, the child seems to be able to reach toward the parents to share the good. Because of this, Mother's Day is always nostalgic time for me — a time when I remember the happy, achieving, fulfilling, uplifting, enriching, exciting, and occasionally breath-taking experiences our boys have had. A time when I remember, as a mother, the things I've done right — that doesn't take too long — and ignore the errors, which takes a while longer.

Most nostalgic is the time when I think about my own Mother — as I think about my own Daddy on Father's Day — and feel grateful to her — as I do to Daddy.

Judge Ye Not

I dreamed death came the other night and Heaven's gate swung open wide; an angel fair with kindly grace invited me inside. And there to my astonishment stood folks I'd known on earth; "Some that I'd judged and labeled unfit — of 'little worth,' indignant words rose to my lips but never were set free. For every face showed stunned surprise — NO ONE EXPECTED ME !!! — The Easthaven Evangel, Kallispell, Montana.

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NEWEST BOOKS

GOD'S SPIRIT IN YOU by Landrum P. Leavell (Broadman Press, Broadman Readers' Plan selection, 125 pp., BRP \$1, trade \$1.50) Here basic truths about the Holy Spirit are drawn from Bible teaching and applied to Christian living. Dr. Leavell led his church in studying a dozen New Testament passages relating to the Holy Spirit. This book is the result of that experience. It reveals the Spirit, not as an "extra" gift to certain people, but as the motivation of all Christian living. The author, former pastor at First, Gulfport, has been pastor at First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, since 1953.

STUDYING LIFE AND WORK LESSONS, July-September, 1974, by Herschel H. Hobbs (Convention Press, paper, 128 pp., \$1.50) This book contains expository treatment of each focal passage in the Life and Work Bible studies for the July-Sept. quarter of this year. Dr. Hobbs is pastor emeritus, First Church, Oklahoma City, and preacher for the Baptist Hour.

GREAT SOUL-WINNING CHURCHES by Elmer L. Towns (Sword of the Lord, 245 pp., \$4.50) Stories of nineteen of the outstanding independent churches of America tells of their program, their establishment, their growth, and other interesting facts concerning them. Southern Baptists who are seeking to know the secrets of the growth of some of the independent churches will find this book a treasure.

PORTRAITS OF CHRIST by Henry Garlepy (Fleming H. Revell, \$3.95, 128 pp.) Were you aware that over one hundred different names for Jesus Christ appear in the Bible and New Testament? While in popular usage the name Jesus Christ is common, the image of Christ is too often sensationalized, incomplete, distorted, and irrelevant. Portraits of Christ presents a genuine picture of Christ through a devotional study of his many names and titles as they appear in Scripture.

BIBLE COMPARATIVES by K. Earl Allen (Word Books, 125 pp., \$3.95) The underlying theme of the 13 chapters is that life demands choice. The author looks at 13 biblical comparisons and points to their consequences. Some of the choices confronting today's Christians are: Do we choose wisdom or wealth? Character or riches? The inquiring reader will find these subjects helpful and challenging studies of biblical themes.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST (Tyndale House) A pictorial essay from the Living Bible — the story of the life of Christ in full color photography with words from The Living Bible. This is a truly beautiful book, tastefully bound and gift boxed. It would make a significant addition to anyone's library. The fresh, youthful, living photography by Wim Aupeus of Paris, France, combines with Kenneth Taylor's paraphrases of Scripture passages to provide a rare and inspiring adventure.

FOR WOMEN ONLY by Evelyn and J. Allen Petersen (Tyndale House, 125 pp., paper, \$1.95, cloth \$3.95) Fifty-four famous people combine their insights on womanhood in this helpful book on The Fine Art of Being a Woman. Seven chapters cover the woman and herself, her world, her health, her marriage, her children, her home, and her God.

DEVOTIONALS FOR NURSES by Rhonda Snader Lapp, R. N. (Baker, in gift box, \$3 pp.) An attractive, well-written book of devotional meditations, written for the special needs of the nurse. Topics include such as "God's X-Rays," "God's Stethoscope," "Night Duty," "White Raiment," "God's Heart Transplants," "There's Life in the Blood," and "God's Pharmacology."

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN VIET NAM by Orrel N. Stubbins (Creative, \$3 pp., \$3.95) A missionary of the Christian Alliance Army Alliance tells that there is good news from Viet Nam as well as bad news. He says that God is still in Viet Nam even though Americans are gone. He tells many thrilling and exciting stories of Christian work and witness and the Holy Spirit's power in the land.

THE BURRO by Frank Brookshier (University of Oklahoma Press, 340 pp., \$9.95) This most unusual book is an eloquent and appealing account of the burro's, or donkey's, past and present. The New Mexican author says, "If the horse was the animal of conquest, it was his cousin, the lowly burro, who made it possible for civilization to spread to the far reaches of the earth. He brought wood to the fires, raised water from the wells, toiled in the fields, carried the great and the poor, followed the conquistadors to the New World, packed for the prospector and the miner." In this book, there is little about the burro that is left out! Mr. Brookshier writes about the burros of Bible times (the burro that talked back to Balaam, the burro that Mary rode to Bethlehem, the burro that Jesus rode into Jerusalem, and many others). He writes about the burros of different countries and of different eras. He writes about burros as pets and gives suggestions for caring for them. Lavish illustrations add to the value of a book that all animal lovers will enjoy.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL REACHING MULTITUDES by Tom Malone (Sword of the Lord, 236 pp., \$4.50) The story of how some of the great independent churches of America reach multitudes in their Sunday schools. As one reads the book, he discovers that most of the methods presented here are those which are used in Southern Baptist churches, although some of the applications are somewhat different. Requirements of the teachers and officers are high and the whole program is a masterpiece of teaching the Bible as the word of God and to win people to Jesus Christ, to church membership, and to dedicated Christian living. This is an interesting story of how modern Sunday school work can be effectively done.

MARANATHA! HIGHLIGHT OF THE 2ND CENTURY by John Hamilton (Geva Hamilton, Box 513, Mt. Park, Ill. 60301, paper, 128 pp., \$1.50, cloth, \$2.50) A new edition of a book which was first written more than 25 years ago, presents the premillennial view of the second coming of Christ and studies world conditions of this generation as they seem to point to it.

SCRAPBOOK



Thanks, Mom!

Thanks, Mom,
Your arms cradled,
Your voice lulled — soothed hurts,
You smiled at my childish mischief,
Shared joys,
Thanks, Mom,
You made home a
Haven where children played
And hearts were bound by family
Love — ties,
Thanks, Mom,
For kindling faith,
Lighting an awareness
Of our Lord who gave salvation
To me.
Thanks, Mom,
For guiding me
Your ideals patterned my life.
I have no jewels to crown you with,
Just praise!

—Eunice Barnes

The Lad's Robe

Although Hannah joyously surrendered her son Samuel to the Lord, she continued to love him, as only a mother can. "His mother used to make him a little robe, which she brought to him year by year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice." (1 Samuel 2:19, Moffatt)

Position Of Honor

The honor which Solomon bestowed upon his mother Bath-sheba is deserved by every good mother: "The king rose up to meet her and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother, and she sat on his right hand." (1 Kings 2:19)



Japanese tots and their grandmother. (Photo by Mack Mobley)

'Lord, Behold Our Family.'

Lord, behold our family here assembled. We thank Thee for this place in which we dwell; for the love that unites us, for the peace accorded us this day, for the hope with which we expect the morrow, for the health, the work, the food, and the bright skies that make our lives delightful; for our friends in all parts of the earth. Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind. Bless us, if it may be, in all our innocent endeavors. And if it may not, give us strength to encounter that which is to come, that we be brave in peril, constant in tribulation, temperate in wrath, and in all changes of fortune and down to the gates of death, loyal and loving to one another. As the clay to the potter, as the windmill to the wind, as the children to their sire, we beseech Thee of this help and mercy, for Christ's sake.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

'Thro' The Eyes Of A Child'

Mama was so pretty—her hair hung down so long—she would sometimes join our games and laugh a lot; we had a lot of fun—she cured our ills, she dried our eyes, and she even spanked us sometimes, but she taught us love and she loved us so, her daughters and her sons.

Many times did we fall down and skin our knees—or tear our clothes—she was always there to wipe the tears from our eyes—she would say our troubles were the most important things—she must fix them right away, but as she knelt, the smallest shoe to tie—I wondered why she smiled!

To keep our house and tend us kids, I know 'twas quite a job, but mama never faltered, tho' her work was never through—she made the beds—she swept the floor—she fed and kept us clean—this was what she liked to do.

One day when she didn't know that I was near, I saw her stop and gaze far out to where the tree tops touch the sky—it was only for just a moment, but as she turned again so slowly to her work—I wondered why she sighed!

Eight sons and daughters mama raised, and they grew up—sometimes good, sometimes bad, as children do—and mama, through good or bad, bless her heart, was always there to see us thro'.

One day as I walked in, she was sitting there in her old kitchen chair with her apron to her eyes—she said, "get along with you child, go out and play—I wondered why she cried!"

One day mama became ill and quickly wasted away—the flowers were so pretty—her chair at the table is empty—she's just not here any more—and papa is so sad, he just sits there the longest time, and gazes at the floor.

Oh, they tell me she is up in heaven now. That up there with our good Lord she does abide, but oh! it is so lonely here and I miss her so—I wonder why she died.

—Zeima Smith

Mother's Love

Her love is like an island
In life's ocean, vast and wide
A peaceful, quiet shelter
From the wind, the rain, the tide.

The bound on the north by Hope,
By Faith on the West,
By tender Counsel on the South
And on the East by Rest.

Above it like a beacon light
Shine Faith, and Truth, and Prayer;
And through the changing scenes of life
I find a haven there.

In "The Challenge," FBC, Magee

All The World

There is an enduring tenderness in the love of a mother to a son that transcends all other affections of the heart! It is neither to be chilled by selfishness, nor daunted by danger, nor weakened by worthlessness, nor stifled by ingratitude. She will surrender every pleasure to his enjoyment; she will glory in his fame, and exult in his prosperity—and if misfortune overtakes him he will be the dearest to her from misfortune; and if disgrace settle upon his name she will still love and cherish him in spite of his disgrace; and if all the world beside cast him off she will be all the world to him.

—Washington Irving

Before It Is Too Late!

If you have a gray haired mother
In the old home far away,
Sit down and write the letter
You put off day by day.
Don't wait until her tired steps
Reach Heaven's pearly gate,
But show her that you think of her
Before it is too late.

In "The Herald," Calvary, Meridian

Change Of Heart

I had from the beginning
Desired it — but always
From afar.
When I finally acquired
What I yearned for so long
I found
Either it or I had changed,
For it no longer held
The meaning
That I had applied to it
When it all began.

—Mark Leggett

A Mother's Vigil

When the Gibeonites, having hanged the two sons of Rishpa, refused to permit a proper burial but rather required that the bodies should be exposed to bird and beast, the mother began a summer-long vigil near the remains of those she loved.

(II Samuel 21:10-14)

The Other Side Of The Street

Our eyes and ears are filled with the continuous unrest and violence taking place across our land. That there is such unrest we are well aware, but that it reaches such proportions in our minds is the result of the television camera bringing it into our living rooms day by day. If a visitor from outer space hovered near enough to pick up our TV coverage of the news, he would be a fool to try to land for a visit. On a more realistic level, the people across the world are appalled at what they see — they truly believe that this is what America, the land of the free, has become.

Wouldn't it be tremendous if the national networks utilized all of their vast capacities to project the other side of the street? What if the same coverage was given to the story of white and negro friends of a burned out family, quietly going in and building a new house for the needy family? What if national coverage could center on that faithful Sunday School teacher who has taught little children for thirty plus years, with no thought of not continuing as long as health permits?

What if the camera focused on the splendid college young men and women who are attending schools across the land this year? Few of them are off-beats or hippies or yuppies as the case may be—most of them are

eager, frightened, idealistic young people who are wanting wisdom and direction for life. Most of them are not too concerned about making a living, but are deeply concerned about making a life. What if the faithful underpaid teachers, and professors were featured across the land as prime examples of those who have made America great? What if the camera could reveal the throngs of worshippers of every race, creed and color who fill houses of worship each Sunday across our land?

What is the answer of the newsmen? "Oh Sir," he would say, "these are not news worthy—These are too ordinary, too 'everyday' familiar." And that's the answer. When you see the news portrayed and read it in your papers remember this—what you see is the unusual—this is where the cameras focus.

So—rather than sit back in despair and frustration saying that all the world is in turmoil and ruins—or before you condemn the total, like the cynical George Bernard Shaw who claimed that earth was an interplanetary lunatic asylum—stop and think—the newsmen are wanting and looking for the abnormal and the exception to the rule.

That is why so many of us who are just plain everyday folks, trying to find out how and where we fit into this world that God has given us, are rarely, if ever, the subject of any television specials.

Take heart though, for we are not unnoticed! He whose eye is on the sparrow is watching us all — and He is the only one who really matters after all!

—Russell M. McIntire

Thanks To You, Mother, On Your Day

Dear Mother,

You know how much I'd love to jet home to hug you and be near you on your day, but I can't. Thus, please accept my thank yous.

There are so many thank yous and it would be impossible to mention all but I want to name a few.

Thank you so much, Mother, for understanding during my childhood, and adolescent days. They were difficult for you, but you had patience to endure them.

Thanks for spanking and punishing me when I needed it and especially not waiting for Father to come home and do it. It's wonderful to have parents who agreed in disciplining their children.

Thank you for the material things you gave to us. You sacrificed clothes and articles which you really needed in order for us to have a new costume to wear for a school program. You labored over the sewing machine many, many hours for us to have clothing you never had as a child.

Thank you for patience and more patience with us. You allowed us to try ourselves to make a garment on the sewing machine, and you only guided us and never became aggravated enough to take it from us and finish it for us. Thank you for making me take out the hem in my skirt and do it over. I remember that I put my skirt hem in with a double thread and you made me redo it with a single thread! Ha!

Thanks to you, loving Mother, for letting us experiment and learn for ourselves in the kitchen. You left us alone and only answered questions when we asked them. I remember you insisted that we clean up our own mess and leave the kitchen in good order.

Thanks for making us share the work together in the house as well as working in the garden and fields. We had many glorious times together as a family crawling between the rows of lima beans making up funny songs and pulling tricks on each other. We had picnics from heaven together when we packed our lunch and went to Daddy Patton's and helped him set out tobacco on the hill or hoe in the garden there. Food never tasted so good!

Thanks for being firm and meaning no when you said it. You spanked us when we needed it, but it was with a loving hand. Thanks for daring to be different from some parents. Your decision was always for our good.

Thanks for teaching us about God. Your consistency proved to us that living for God was the only way. My childhood devotional life has extended over into my own family. Thanks for letting me see a happy Christian marriage—a home where Christ was the head. When the time came for my own marriage and a home of my own, I knew that Marian and I had to choose Jesus Christ as the head, just as you and Father had done. This choice has reaped many, many rich blessings for us already. After trying to follow God's leadership as best as I knew how in making many decisions since away from home, I have often wondered if you would have made the decision that way, too.

Thanks for showing us that living for Christ is the only way—that church came before all other phases of life. We missed many school plays or ball games because we went to church, but we were blessed much more because of it.

And, Mother, I pray that I will always be a godly mother for Marilyn Renee and our newborn son, Scott Arthur. That is the kind of mother you were to all of us children.

Thank you with my whole heart.

I love you dearly,
Carolyn Fern

NOTE: The above letter was submitted to the Baptist Record by Mrs. C. D. (Elizabeth) McCool of Owensboro, Kentucky. The letter was written by Mrs. Marian Seward of 343 Cummings Street, Jackson, who is wife of the minister of education of Alta Woods Baptist Church, and sister of Mrs. McCool.

Mrs. McCool explains, "My sister wrote this letter to our mother years ago and when my parents passed away, we found it in their business things. She does not know that I am sending it to you but I feel that she would not care if you use it."

"Our father was Arthur Holland, a Baptist minister for fifty years here in Kentucky. We were poor, we lived on a farm, our father pastored small town and country churches, always bringing those 'once-a-month preaching' churches finally to 'full-time preaching.' There were 11 children in all—six girls, five boys. The letter tells much more."

Mrs. Seward mentions two children of her own in the letter. She is now the mother of three.

Russian Religious Freedom 'More Than Czars Allowed'

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Russian people "unhesitatingly declared they have more religious freedom now than they had under the Czars when the Orthodox Church was the Soviet Union's official religion," even though there are still certain government controls on religion, the president of the Baptist Sunday School Board said here.

James L. Sullivan, board president, and his wife, were members of a group of Baptist leaders from North America invited to Russia by the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of the USSR.

Other Americans in the group were Warren Magnuson, executive secretary of the Baptist General Conference, Evanston, Ill.; Robert C. Campbell, executive secretary of the American Baptist Convention, Valley Forge, Pa.; Jerry Moore, the pastor of Nineteenth Street Baptist Church in Washington, D. C., and a member of city

council by presidential appointment. Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Magnuson were also in the group.

The American guests were received cordially during their stay in Moscow by Illia G. Ivanov, president of the Baptist Union of the USSR. They took part in worship at the Moscow Baptist Church, observed a baptismal service and became acquainted with the church's life.

The American group toured Moscow, visited the Moscow University and went to Kiev, where they visited three churches.

The Sullivans had to leave the tour early, due to a death in their family, and Magnuson suffered a ruptured appendix on a train en route to Kiev. Surgery was performed in Kiev, and he remained eight days in a hospital. He attended church in Kiev on Easter Sunday morning and was greeted as an answer to prayer because the people there had been praying for them

all week.

Magnuson then flew on to Moscow for the Sunday night service there, where the same "answer-to-prayer" greeting was given him, a spokesman for the American group recalled.

Sullivan recounted the trip to Russia and gave some observations of Baptist life there.

"The Russians recognize that their religious freedom will not parallel ours in North America, but they do have more religious freedom than under the Czars," Sullivan said.

"Every other religion and type of worship was forbidden by law back then and often punishable by death. The Baptist philosophy today is that they should move through doors as they open, taking fullest advantage of every opportunity afforded them. Abiding by the laws of the land."

Initial steps by the Russian Christians which made the American Baptists' trip to Russia possible were

taken at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) in Einsiedeln, Switzerland in summer, 1973. The BWA coordinated the preparations.

Individual invitations were formally extended later, with clearance made through the Russian Embassy. The group was classified as a delegation and "given every courteous consideration that their (the Russian) government could provide," Sullivan noted.

A formal dinner welcomed the Americans their first evening in Moscow, and the following evening they attended a churchwide meeting with a special baptismal service of some 10 persons at the Moscow Baptist Church. Only two of the people baptized were men, Sullivan recalled. "All were adults."

The "spirit of reverence and commitment ran exceedingly deep throughout the service," Sullivan said.

"Three of us preached for 20 minutes each and the rest of the service consumed an hour and a half. There were masses of people standing for two and one-half consecutive hours in rapt attention to participate in the services. The singing was spirited and the blessings were many."

Sullivan said there were no restrictions on the Americans' preaching in the Russian churches.

"We were told in advance that the government would not allow teaching since all schools were declared to be under government control. Churches have not been granted the right to operate Sunday Schools since they were abolished in 1924," he noted. "Still, they indicated one of their greatest needs is for Bibles."

"Even though it is against the law for religious workers to be evangelistic among persons under 18 years of age, even with children in their homes, they still find ways of creating

a spiritual environment that will give children religious impressions," Sullivan continued. Later, these pay "great dividends" after the children reach the legal age when they can make their own decisions, he said.

Some of the churches had great numbers of young people present, Sullivan noted. "They sang as enthusiastically as anyone. They participated in the presentation of special musical numbers. . . sang in the choirs."

The young people gave "declamations during the main program, and participated in other ways which are allowable, and they were effective," he said.

The American group met also with theological students from the correspondence school which holds classes in the Moscow Baptist Church building. The school is engaged in special training of students for "pulpit work" (Continued On Page 6)



MOSCOW BAPTIST CHURCH leaders receive seven USA Baptists, including Dr. and Mrs. James L. Sullivan (third and fourth from the right) of Nashville, Tenn. (BP) Photo



A RUSSIAN BAPTIST CHURCH in the Ternopol Region of the Ukraine has visitors. Baptists in the USSR number 25,000, third largest Baptist membership after the USA (23 million) and India (734,000). (BP) Photo



WORSHIP in the Baptist Church at Gradovo in the Ukraine, USSR, is led by D. L. Voznuk, a superintendent of Baptist work in the Ternopol Region. (BP) Photo

Names In The News

Rev. Tommy Joe Mills of Waynesboro will resign as pastor of Lake Stanley Baptist Church, De Funiak Springs, effective May 19. He will move to Woodfield, Ohio, to begin as pastor of the First Baptist Church, June 16. Mills will graduate at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., May 31, with the BBI Diploma in Theology. Mrs. Mills, who was Diane Pitts of Waynesboro, will receive the Wives' Certificate.

Rev. Wayne Kimbrough has been called by First, Pontotoc, as associate pastor and minister of youth. He will begin his work on June 15. A native of Jackson, Mr. Kimbrough is a graduate of Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary, where he recently received the Master of Divinity Degree. On June 8, he will be married to Ann Beall, native of Wesson, also a graduate of Mississippi College, and who has a Master's degree in library science from Florida State University. Dr. W. Levon Moore is Pontotoc pastor.

Rev. David C. Edenfield has been chosen as the Outstanding Young Man of Clara for 1973 by the Clara Jaycees. He is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Clara.

John W. Rushing of Pearl, is licensed to the gospel ministry on April 28 by the McLaurin Heights Church of Pearl. Mr. Rushing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rushing of Tylertown, is a graduate of University of Southern Mississippi. His wife is the former Margaret Robinson of McComb and they have three sons. Mr. Rushing plans to begin seminary training this summer at New Orleans Seminary.

Michael Howard, who was named Outstanding Young Educator of the Year in Laurel, was chosen the Outstanding Young Educator in Mississippi. He is choral director at R. H. Watkins High School and organist for the McLaurin Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jere A. Wilson, missionaries to Brazil, have completed orientation and may be addressed at 2256 Columbia Dr., Decatur, Ga. 30032 until July when they are expected to leave for the field. He was born in Atlanta and lived in New Orleans, La. His wife, the former Joyce Ann Braswell, was born in Aurora, Ill., and lived in Chicago, Ackerman and Greenville, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Batson, missionaries to Brazil, have completed orientation and may be addressed at Rt. 2, Box 36, Wiggins, Miss. 39577 until July, when they will depart for the field. Both from Wiggins, she is a native of Wiggins; she is the former Ethel Thatcher from Fruitland Park. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1973, he was minister of music and youth at First Church, Poplarville.

Randol Lindsay was licensed April 28 to the ministry by First Church, Kosciusko, Rev. Harold Kitchings, pastor. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lindsay, he is a senior at Mississippi College and plans to enter Southwestern Seminary in the fall.

Barney Eugene Austin (right) was licensed to preach the gospel by Immanuel Church, Columbus, on April 14. Pastor Jerry File (left) presented the license. Having been bus driver at Immanuel for the past six months, Mr. Austin has surrendered to fulltime work in the field of bus evangelism. He plans to enter Beth Haven Bus Directors School in September of this year, under the direction of Gardner Gentry, in Louisville, Kentucky. This is the only school of Bus Directors in the United States. A diploma is granted after completion of 12 months in related subjects of children's worship, bus ministries, evangelism, Bible and how to be an effective and helpful second man in church organization. Mr. Austin is married to the former Patricia Fernstrom of New Albany, and they have three children. For the last 14 years, he has worked in the trucking industry with the last eight years in the field of management and supervision. Mr. Austin states that he is available to any and all who desire to establish or revive a Bus Ministry. He can be contacted by calling the church office at 328-1668 or at home 327-5892.



Blue Mountain College ministerial alumni and their wives recently met. Meeting personalities included, left to right: Dr. James L. Travis, Professor of Bible at the college, and sponsor; Rev. Clyde Little, guest speaker, pastor of First Church, Forest, and a member of the Blue Mountain College Board of Trustees; Dr. E. Harold Fisher, president of the college; and Rev. Tommy Vinson, a BMC alumnus, newly elected president of the Ministerial Alumni Association, and pastor of the Brewer Church.



Southern Baptist Assembly and Camp Managers Conference, 1974 Officers - Hubert Smothers (Tennessee), out-going president is shown presenting the gravel of Southern Baptist Assembly and Camp Managers Conference to L. A. Vermillion (Texas), newly elected president. Looking on are Arla Hinson (Kentucky) on the left, secretary-treasurer, and John Rankin (Texas) on the right, treasurer. Smothers is president of Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, Tennessee. Vermillion is manager of Alto Frio Baptist Encampment, Leakey, Texas. Hinson is serving as manager of Cedar Grove Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, Kentucky. Rankin recently retired as manager of Camp Baptist Encampment, Ft. Worth, Texas. Not pictured is Larry Haslam, vice-president, who is manager of Glorieta Baptist Conference Center. Hinson, a former president of the organization, is serving his third term as secretary-treasurer. He is a native of Crystal Springs, and a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary.

By Chester Swor And Scott Cook

New Youth Book Released In Ceremony At MC

"Does It Really Matter?", a new youth book with counsel concerning vital issues which confront today's youth, was released at Mississippi College during special ceremonies.

Written by Dr. Chester Swor, highly respected youth lecturer and counselor of national reputation, and Scott Cook of Jackson, president of the Mississippi College Student Body Association, the attractive paperback book is based on a survey of high school and college students throughout a ten-state area.

Mother's Day Sermon On "Baptist Hour"

"The quality of the men and women of tomorrow depends upon the quality of the mothers of today," says Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs in a series of BAPTIST HOUR sermons on the home.

The May 12 Mother's Day sermon is titled "The Hand That Rocks The Cradle" and the following week he will preach on "In - Law or In-Love."

Homecoming At

Shady Grove May 12

Homecoming at Shady Grove Church, Route 4, Batesville, will be May 12. Activities for the day will include Sunday school at 10, and regular worship service at 11, followed by a dinner at the church.

At 2 p.m. the services will be continued with special singing and a message by Rev. Robert Phillips of Lambert. A Building Fund offering will be taken to help raise money for an addition to the church.

All members and friends of the church are invited.

Carey Announces

'Five By Five'

Summer Program

William Carey College has announced its streamlined 'FIVE BY FIVE' SUMMER PROGRAM. According to Academic Vice-president, Dr. J. M. Ernest, an individual will be able to come for a 5-week period and earn up to 7 semester hours of college credit or for a 10 week period (two terms) and earn up to 14 semester hours of credit.

Dates for the two five-week terms are: June 3-July 5 and July 8 - August 9. Full information concerning courses will be sent upon request.

Russian Religion ---

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and church leadership in Russia." Sullivan said the Americans' journey took them to only three of the 1,050 churches in the Ukraine.

"We preached at each of the locations. Our wives brought greetings. We found the same warmth and welcome, cordiality and openness, attentiveness, hospitality and thanksgiving everywhere," he said.

The visit to Moscow included meeting with the Baptist leadership of Russia to discuss similarities in Baptist work in North America and the Soviet Union.

And a special meeting was held during a banquet with the religious leadership of the nation, including the representative from the government's Department of Cults, the head of the Orthodox Church of Russia, leaders of other faiths operating in the country, and the entire Baptist leadership. Sullivan said the interchange of ideas and concepts was "full" and "free."

Another formal reception was held in the Liberian embassy, through the "courtesy" of President William Tolbert of Liberia and former president of the Baptist World Alliance. The event was attended by religious leadership and by ambassadors and their wives from the major countries of the Protestant world.

Sullivan noted some controls on the Russian churches by their government.

"Churches are assigned locations by the government. Generally, they're put in areas that we would consider isolated spots, difficult from the standpoint of access and transportation.

"The churches are on back streets and difficult alleys, far removed from the main arteries of transportation. Worshipers walk a great distance to go there, yet the churches are new and clean. They have beautiful curtains with handwork most beautifully done.

"The building show that the people love everything about the church and are interested in what it does and what it stands for.

"The people received us with open arms and open hearts. They embraced us in love, kissed our cheeks with affection, patted their hearts as we passed by even though they could not say one English word. They pointed to heaven with expressions of hope written all over their faces."

Formally released during Chapel ceremonies featuring Dr. Swor and Cook, the first copy of the book was presented to Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of Mississippi College. The book has been dedicated to the college, Alma Mater of both authors.

Dr. Swor, commenting on his youthful co-author, Cook, said he believed this was the first time in history that an undergraduate student at the college has co-authored a book. Cook became associated with Dr. Swor in the summer of 1972 and the two have been co-workers since.

A long-time friend of youth throughout the country, Dr. Swor has written two earlier books for youth - "The Teen Age Slant" and "Youth At Bat." Both books had youth co-authors, but Dr. Swor felt since they were more than ten years old that a fresh new look at contemporary youth and youth problems through a survey and analysis would be timely.

Dr. Swor and Cook surveyed college and university students from ten states in the South, Southwest, and Midwest, seeking relevant information concerning their convictions, experiences, and observations, and asking their suggestions for topics to be discussed in their book.

The authors confined the survey to church-active college and university students, feeling that church-active young people deserve to have as their pattern and inspiration the lives of excellent Christians of their age and not the traditional picture of the careless collegian.

Since the co-authors actually discussed the main principles included in the book for more than a year in their continuing conversations, the dialogue method of presentation is used throughout.

"Does It Really Matter?" is composed of seven chapters under the headings "The Vocation I Choose?", "Whom I Marry?", "When I Marry?", "I Wait For Marriage?", "If It Matters, How Can I Wait?", "Do These Things Matter too?", and "Back Talk."

As an addendum to the new book, the co-authors have included in full text of the 25 letters sent to them by happily married couples concerning the ingredients of a good marriage. There is also a twelve-point suggestion from a happily married person. The color photograph on the cover of the book was done by Rev. Robert Wall, director of church relations at Mississippi College, while inside photos are the work of Miss Gertrude Gibson of Jackson, winner of many state and national awards for her photographic talent. The book was published by Hederman Brothers in Jackson under the supervision of Julian Walker.



AUTOGRAPH PARTY—Dr. Chester Swor (second from left) of Jackson, and Scott Cook (left) of Jackson, sign their autographs to copies of their recently published book "Does It Really Matter?" The book was released during ceremonies at Mississippi College, where Dr. Swor is a visiting counselor and Cook is president of the Student Body Association. Receiving copies are Gail Reeves, Atlanta, Ga., and Nan Howard, Mendenhall. (M. C. Photo by Rosa Lee Harden)

37 Missionaries Named

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er, Tn., Northeast; Arizona, Pam Osborne, Hattiesburg, USM; California, Richard Wilson, Nashville, MC; California, Thomas Cox, Normal, Ill., MC; Canada, Susan Dawkins, Meridian, MC; Colorado, Guyton Turner, Leesville, MSU; Colorado, Sheila Donald, Gulfport, MC; Hawaii, Rebecca Shannon, Shannon, USM; Hawaii, John Tappan, Miss. City, MC; Illinois, Martha Taylor, Hattiesburg, MC; Indiana, Abelen Canterbury, Gautier, MC; Michigan, Eugene Neal, Leland, MDJC; Michigan, Myra Howell, Pentotoc, William Carey; Missouri, David Calder, Greenwood, MC; Nevada, Kathy West, Picaune, USM; New England, Richard Harvey, Yazoo City, MSU; New England, Rose Marie Davidson, Meridian, MC; New Mexico, Bill Cumberland, Philadelphia, ECJC; New Mexico, Teri Lee Gillis, Edwards, Delta State; New Mexico, Lucy Parks, Columbus, MC; New Mexico, Henry Palmer Triplet, Louisville, MSU; New York, Deborah Jane Dale, Grand Bay, Ala., MSU; New York, Deborah Pope, Marianna, Fla., MC; New York, Willie Thad Pritchard, Belzoni, MDJC; New York, Donna Pruitt, Jackson, Tn., MUW; Ohio, Eddie Golden, Forest, ECJC; Ohio, Marilyn Wileman, Booneville, Northeast; South Carolina, Sam Sumrall, Crystal Springs, MSU; Virginia, Brice Morgan, Greenville, MDJC.

REVIVAL RESULTS

New Salem, Caledonia: April 21-25; Tommy and Diane Winders, evangelists; David Claxton, pastor; 27 professions of faith; 43 total decisions.

White Oak (Neshoba): April 26-28; youth team from Clarke College, Rev. David Burkett, Bob Furman, Vickie Griffith, and Deb. Roberson; 21 decisions; 18 professions of faith; one by letter; two rededications; Rev. E. C. Tucker, pastor.

Cascilla Church: April 26-28; one profession of faith; four rededications; Rev. Mike Blackwood, pastor of First Church, Gilliam, Missouri, evangelist; Earnie Reece of Charleston, singing evangelist; Rev. M. Joe Young, pastor.



Dr. Kelly Visits The Seminaries

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, recently has visited the campuses of Southwestern, New Orleans and Southern Seminaries, for dinners and conferences with Mississippi students in those institutions. Dr. Joe Odle accompanied him on the Fort Worth and New Orleans visits, and W. R. Roberts went to New Orleans. These photos show: top, the New Orleans dinner where more than 160 were present; middle, Dr. Kelly speaking at the New Orleans meeting, with Dr. and Mrs. Russell McIntire, former Mississippians, behind him; bottom, Dr. and Mrs. John McNair, singing. They are in the seminary, preparing for the mission field.

Registration Begins, Byram Kindergarten

Byram Church, Terry Road, announces pre-registration for kindergarten and day care for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years who are not ready for school.

Registration is held every Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the church. The kindergarten and day care center will open September 4. Mrs. Ray Buchanan is the director.

Carey To Host Basketball Clinic

William Carey College will host a girls' basketball clinic on the Hattiesburg campus from June 16-June 22. Mrs. Linda Eades, of the Carey physical education faculty, will direct the camp which will be divided into two divisions for junior high and senior high girls.

To be limited to fifty participants, the dead line for enrolling is June 1. A fee of \$50.00 will be charged those living on campus and will include air-conditioned dormitory accommodations and Morrison Food Service food in the William Carey College cafeteria. The fee will also cover insurance. Young women coming as day campers will pay only \$30.00 and this will include noon lunch. A \$3.00 camp T-shirt will be the only other expense. For a group of five or more coming from the same school, there will be a charge of only \$15.00 and \$25.00 respectively.

The camp has been approved by the Mississippi High School Activities Association and awards will be presented at the end of the camp to Most Improved, Best All-Around, Best Defense, Best Offense, and an All-Star Team will be chosen.

All interested persons are urged to contact Mrs. Linda Eades, Box 147, William Carey College or phone the physical education department at 582-5051.

The Gospel Confronts Culture Of Paganism

By Clifton J. Allen
Acts 18 to 19

Our lesson concentrates on the work of the apostle Paul in Corinth and Ephesus, two of the great cities of the Roman world. In these cities the gospel confronted the culture of paganism which affected the total spectrum of life. The apostles' labors were not without intense opposition and constant danger. Both cities were sanctuaries of licentious and unutterably vile worship. They were also filled with the atmosphere and practice of sorcery and idolatry. Violent hostility arose either from the hostile zeal of Judaism or from the greed for gain on the part of vested business interests. Paul, however, was sustained by the assurance of God's purpose and presence. He was also supported by missionary associates and by outstanding persons who become believers in Christ.

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Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

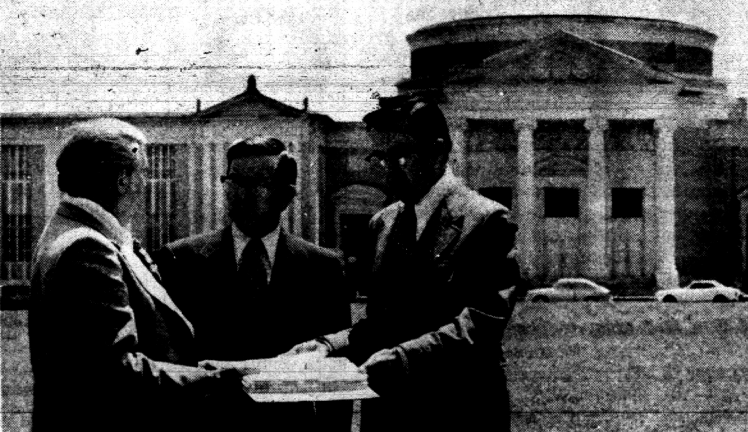
Christian Heritage Passed On From Generation To Generation

Deut. 6:4-9; Joshua 24:14-21;
II Tim. 1:5, 3:14-15
By Bill Duncan

Recently, a picture on a counter of a local store caught my eye. It was made last Christmas when all the store owner's family were together. There were four generations—Grandpa, Granddaddy, father and son. The grandpa loves to tell and write about our part of the south. I looked long at the picture and thought how that grandpa would enjoy telling that great-grandson all his stories.

For many hundreds of years each generation has passed on to the next some type of heritage. Many times we never really realize what we are giving or receiving.

One of the most interesting talks for Christian home week that I ever heard was Mrs. Margaret S. Hensley's presentation, "What I learned from my Grandfather." It is one of the chapters in the book *Behaving At Home* by J. Clark and Margaret S. Hensley. The chapter concludes with this statement:



Officers of the Southwestern Seminary Alumni Association discuss plans for the seminary's "Homecoming Spectacular" scheduled during the Southern Baptist Convention. Right to left are James Harris, pastor, University Church, Fort Worth, vice president; Joe Burnette, minister of education, First Church, Charlotte, N. C., president; and John Seelig, vice president of the seminary, secretary.

During SBC At Dallas

Southwestern Plans Texas-Sized Homecoming

Fort Worth, Texas — Homecoming activities, a Texas barbecue, open house in all buildings, and a faculty autograph party will be features of an afternoon at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary June 12. This first Homecoming will be staged on Wednesday when there are no sessions at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas. The celebration is expected to draw over 2,000 former students and friends to the campus.

The real genuine Texas barbecue will be served on the oval in front of the Memorial Building. Serving lines will be open from 12 noon to 2 p.m. A huge blue and white striped tent will be erected to accommodate the crowds.

Transportation will be provided from the convention center in Dallas to the Fort Worth campus and back. Tickets to the barbecue will serve as bus tickets. Tickets can be purchased by writing to John Seelig, P. O. Box

The larger Bible lesson is Luke's account of the most important era in Paul's missionary career. He spent some four to five years in Corinth and Ephesus combined. Corinth was wealthy and marked by a false veneer of pride. It was licentious and saturated with the grossest practices of immorality. In spite of fear and anxiety at the beginning of his ministry in Corinth, Paul was greatly encouraged by a vision of the Lord. He prolonged his ministry there for eighteen months until a vicious attack made on him by the Jews led to a hearing before the council and subsequently to his departure. Following a brief visit to Jerusalem and Antioch, Paul went to Ephesus, the capital of the Roman province of Asia, where he spent some three years of mighty ministry in that city and in an evangelistic campaign that touched the life of the entire province. During the years in Corinth and Ephesus Paul wrote some of the letters which are a part of the New Testament and which constitute our most significant source of guidance for church life and for understanding the doctrines of the Christian gospel.

MAGIC AND SUPERSTITION
(vv. 18-20)

Seemingly, Paul had already spent some two years in Ephesus (v. 10). God worked mightily through him, even to the point of extraordinary miracles being wrought by Paul for healing persons of disease and freeing others from the power of evil spirits. Seven sons of Sceva, whom we may think of as professional exorcists, undertook to pronounce the name of Jesus over a demon-possessed person and thus cast out the demon. But in this case the demon recognized their duplicity and insincerity, so that the man possessed of the demon leaped on the sons of Sceva and beat them up so that they fled naked and wounded. Many of the believers, doubtless converted not only out of unbelief but also out of magic and superstition, were now led to make a clean break with former practices involving magic. They brought their charms and books and burned them publicly as a declaration of their renewed commitment to Christ and to faith in him. Luke tells of the value as 50,000 pieces of silver. The incident here recorded impresses the

fact that the gospel was preached in a world in which the practice of magical arts was exploited by vast numbers of persons who appealed to superstition and fear on the part of the multitudes.

VESTED INTERESTS (vv. 23-29)

The gospel was making severe inroads on idolatry. It led people in Ephesus to realize that there is just one true God, the Lord. They learned that images were useless, that Diana was a myth, and that the practices associated with the worship of Diana were sinful and immoral. Demetrius and his fellow craftsmen, who made silver shrines or idols of Diana, gathered together to consider the situation. The idol makers were not so much concerned for Diana as they were for their trade and its profits. The idol makers stirred up the people of the city into a mob which converged in the great city theater. Paul himself would have gone into the crowd but for the intervention of some of his friends. The verses recounting the outcome of the riot indicate that the town clerk, the most important official in the city, finally succeeded in quieting the

mob and reminded the people of the absurdity of their outcry about Diana. The important truth is that the greatness of Diana was crumbling before the power of the true gospel. God's salvation in Christ was turning people from pagan superstition to Christian faith and from ungodliness to righteousness. The power of the gospel was making its attack on the vested interests of selfish men.

Truths to Live By

A secular culture is a besetting temptation for Christians. — Christians are constantly exposed to the world's concept of values, namely, a man's life consists in what he possesses or what he can use for enjoyment, pleasure, and vanity. Secular values make their appeal predominantly or self-indulgence or vanity or the desire for power or aspects of life limited to the earthly scene. We are warned not to love the world (1 John 2:15-16). Secular values crowd out affection for the values of the kingdom of God. The most besetting temptation confronting Christians is not the appeal of idolatry or philosophy or magic but the appeal of things material — money, luxurious com-

fort, the vanity of the fine clothes, lustful satisfactions of the flesh, extravagant eating, automobiles, and a round of entertainment for pleasure. The secular culture presses every possible appeal by television picture and by printed advertisement to capture Christians with love for the things of the world. But if one loves the world, the love for Christ will fade out of life.

There ought to be no trace with evil. — Paul's experience in Corinth and Ephesus and Paul's instruction to the churches in those cities should impress this truth on us. We can never rightly withdraw from the battle against the works of Satan. There ought never to be a compromise when the cause of righteousness is at stake. We cannot rightly yield to false doctrines and erroneous interpretations of Christian teaching. We can never rightly accept the standards of the world with respect to right and wrong. Christians are committed to the Way! This demands a repudiation of iniquity in personal conduct, a commitment to love in relationships with all other persons, and a faithful stewardship of life and possessions in the service of Christ. To embrace the Way demands a clear-cut break with evil and evil-doers and a life of uprightness under the lordship of Christ.

Registration Urged
For Christian Fellowship
For Formerly Marrieds

Those who plan to attend the Christian Fellowship for Formerly Marrieds are urged to send in their reservation and indicate whether they will attend the meeting at Sardis or Gulf Coast, according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Christian Action Commission, sponsor of the retreat.

Dr. Pat Clendinning, Atlanta, Georgia, who is the primary resource person, has announced as his subjects: "Living Single: An Approach to Adjustment", "Living Single: The Challenge in Parenthood", and "Living Single: A Look to the Future."

Julie Lide, a student at New Orleans Seminary, will lead the music at Gulf Park College, Long Beach, May 31 - June 1. Linda Napier, Harrisburg church, Tupelo, will lead the music at Sardis, Gulf Trails Lodge, June 7-8.

The retreat will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday and conclude by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Formerly marrieds are described as either widowed or divorced persons.

The approximate cost is \$15.

as God designed. Homes need children and children need homes. But the children need to be taught and trained for God's Word.

Moses recorded the great commandment which was two-fold. "Love the Lord thy God" and "teach these words diligently unto thy children." The obligation that is there placed on the parents is inescapable. Its meaning is not vague and general but definite and detailed.

How can we present the Bible to our children so that they in turn can let the truth be a natural reaction?

(1) By example. There is the inescapable influence of example. No teaching, however strong by word of mouth can reach the force and power of an example. Our feelings shine through our attitudes and actions much stronger than words.

(2) By personal association. We may live busy lives but we must give personal time to our children. The generation gap is most evident in families where the parents and children do not do anything together. We cannot depend on a teaching machine to instruct our children. A rich means of home instruction is the fellowship that is found in work and play. Make what time you have to be meaningful.

(3) Natural conversation. Children are always asking questions. These open many doors for invaluable opportunities for Bible study. Most children today will respond to instruction that is interesting.

(4) In love. The child's first step toward confidence in God comes from knowing that someone cares about him. Faith in God will deepen when the child experiences love and security.

leave life to chance. The home that is right for adults and children is the home that is right toward God. A Christian home is a home where Christ is known, loved and served.

WOMEN WORTH REMEMBERING
II Tim. 1:5, 3:14-15

Paul was very much aware that he had not won Timothy to Christianity by himself. Lois and Eunice had taken seriously their responsibility to train Timothy in the word of God. The fruit of personal contagiousness is the true sign of the spiritual life. Some believe that Lois was among the pentecost converts. She then returned home to convert Eunice, her daughter. Home is the first mission field. So the godly women of Timothy's home prepared him for Paul to give the finishing touch.

Napoleon said: "My opinion is that the future good or bad conduct of a child depends entirely on its mother." The influence of a mother can make the work, toil and prayers worthwhile. They abide with the children forever. A mother can invoke a spirit which conducts a mother from generation to generation. Most mothers think their influence for the future stops with the first generation. But that may be just the beginning of it.

The late F. Townley Lord was president of the Baptist World Alliance 1950-1955. In one of his essays from the book, *The Faith That Slings*, he reminisces about his parents, who

lived during the Victorian era, and were active lay people in the Baptist work in Great Britain. His father, he describes, as a simple working man, who as a lay teacher and preacher spent long hours studying the Bible. When he comes to describe his mother, one sentence is loaded with meaning: "She knew nothing of the discussions of the scholars about the Saviour as a historic figure, but everything of Him as a daily Presence."

In our modern day, parents and grandparents need to remember that the Christian faith is not something to be debated or proven to the children. It is an experience of faith with a Person. Without the Person, all arguments are meaningless. With Christ in the life and heart Christianity is meaningful.

Lois and Eunice were able to pass from one generation to another and then to Timothy an experience that was meaningful.

Revival Dates

Oak Grove (Neshoba): May 10, 11, 12; services at 7:30 p.m. Fri. and Sat. Rev. E. C. Tucker, pastor, preaching.

Eastwood Church, Indianola: May 19-26; Rev. Jack Hazlewood, Little Rock, Evangelist; Eddie and Alice Smith, Little Rock, music evangelists; services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. D. C. McAtee, pastor.

Carey To Offer
Master Of Education

William Carey College has announced that it will begin this summer to offer a graduate program in education. The announcement was made jointly by Dr. Hugh L. Dickens, Vice-president for Development, and Dr. Joseph M. Ernest, academic vice-president. Carey first began graduate education four years ago with the master of music degree in church music and music education.

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Two Students Have A Lot In Common

Two students from Mississippi who are scheduled to receive master's degrees from New Orleans Seminary in May have a lot in common. Besides being from the same state and being candidates for similar degrees, Ron Mitchell (left) and Otis Hinton claim the same hometown—Corinth. Ron graduated from Kossuth High School in 1961, followed a year later by Otis. Both married Corinth girls and still go to Corinth to visit their parents. Otis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hinton and is married to the former Betty Alexander. Ron, who is married to the former Nelda Marie Meeks, is the son of Mrs. W. G. Mitchell. Ron has served as pastor of Bethlehem and later Kendrick Churches near his hometown, and was licensed and ordained in his home church, Shiloh. Otis served as interim pastor of Calvary Church in Corinth and as pastor of Tusculum Church nearby. He was licensed and ordained in Holy Church. Currently, Otis is pastor of Oyster Bay Church in Foley, Ala. He is a candidate for the master of divinity degree. Ron, a candidate for the master of religious education degree, is BSU director at Jones Junior College in Ellisville, Miss. Of course, both men like to relax with a cup of coffee in the seminary cafeteria.



Associate BSU Director Plans June Wedding

The Baptist Student Union at Mississippi State University honored June Cooper, associate B.S.U. director, and Charles Scoggins Thursday, April 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. in a reception at the B.S.U. Center. The occasion celebrated the forthcoming wedding of Miss Cooper and Mr. Scoggins June 22 in First Church, Starkville. Pictured left to right: Mrs. Howard Potts, secretary of Baptist Student Union, Miss Cooper, Mr. Scoggins, and Mrs. Jerry Merriman, wife of the B.S.U. director. Both Mrs. Potts and Mrs. Merriman served as co-hostesses for the event.



First, Verona, Is Debt-Free

In July of 1970, Verona Church under the leadership of Rev. Jim Futral built a new education building and financed it with the First Citizen Bank of Tupelo for six years. The note was paid off in less than four years. In the picture above for the note burning are Rev. Jim Futral, former pastor; Rev. Ray Glover, pastor; and the active deacons of the church.



BMC Elects BSU Executive Council

Recently elected to the Baptist Student Union's Executive Council for the '74-75 school year at Blue Mountain were (from left) Lisa Nix of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Rose Aldridge of Grenada; Cindy Boyd, President, of Memphis; Sherry Howell of Galena Park, Tex.; Emma Almsworth of Jackson; Becky Todd of Memphis; Janice Waggoner of Beaumont; Nola Williams of Ridge-land; Debbie Meyer of Ft. Worth, Tex.; and Joy Davis of Golden.



SECRETARIES SEMINAR—Secretaries at the Baptist Building, along with other church workers, recently participated in a two day seminar at the Baptist Building. Photo shows one section of the meeting, with a small portion of those attending.

First, Greenville, Presents Fourth Television Special

Mississippi State University coach Bob Tyler and members of the youth choir and The Creations at First Church, Greenville, were featured April 30 and May 4 when the church staged its fourth half-hour television production, "Come Together."

"Our first special last year taught us pretty quickly that when it came to spreading the gospel, television is the best way of doing it," said Rev. Barry Landrum, pastor.

"This is the fourth show the church has produced—and we've produced

them because they've been successful in reaching areas the church cannot enter."

"Come Together" was aired twice over WAGB-TV, the Greenwood-Greenville station. The first show was at 7 p.m., April 30. It was repeated at 1:30 p.m., May 5.

Pastor Landrum was host for the show. The music was under the direction of the church music director, Kenneth Forbus.

The church youth choir and The Creations moved out of the studio to sing a number of religious songs in familiar Greenville settings, including the city park and downtown area. Tyler talked with Landrum about his Christian experiences.

"As we have done for the other three specials, we turned to the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and its TimeRite division for help in production," said Landrum.

"Bob Thornton from the TimeRite office worked with us in production. This makes the fourth time he's come to Mississippi from Texas to help us put a show together."



Bob Thornton (left), a television producer for the Radio and Television Commission, met with Greenville ministers Barry Landrum (center), pastor of First Church, and Kenneth Forbus, minister of music, to plan the church's fourth television production, "Come Together." The show was seen in Greenville on April 30 and May 5.—Radio-TV Commission photo

First, Natchez To Dedicate Organ

First Church, Natchez has scheduled a recital and dedication of the Thomas B. Buckles, Jr. Memorial Organ for Monday, May 20, 7:30 p.m., with guest artist Frederick Swann.

Mr. Swann is organist of the Riverside Church, New York City, and Chairman of the Organ Department at the Manhattan School of Music.

Rev. Odean W. Puckett is pastor.

Devotional

Conversational Christianity

The Lost Tongue

By Mel C. Craft, Pastor, Tylertown

It is amazing that the vocal and verbose world of communication is strangely silent in Christian expression at its most elemental level.

A world of tape recorders, cassettes of all types, 8-tracks, and stereo systems with their marvelous components speak eloquently of the mania to listen.

Yet, we continue to give pulpit excellence, exegetical and devotional voice to this world. The sermon, lecture, and study have their undisputable place in expressing the Christian faith and encouraging our response to God.

The one most beautiful and most effective means of spreading the Gospel is Conversational Christianity. It is like a crystal chandelier whose lights are never turned on. To turn on a world for Jesus is its most classic function. The world will never tune in until we are turned on.

When ironing boards become pulpits, desks become altars, luncheon dates become conversation moments about Christ, and cars become Gospel-buggies, people will listen to what the pulpit has to say.

Much interest exists in the unknown tongue. Not me. My own prayer is that each Christian will find his tongue and recapture the glory of conversational witness.

A lost tongue is mute indeed! Much more than sound is LOST. A voice from hell begged someone "to testify to brothers." Speak man, speak!

Lost men are not necessarily the result of lost ears, but the result of a lost tongue.

"As you are going, teach all nations... teaching them everything I have commanded..." (Matthew 28:19-20).

Off The Record

A young couple were trying to paint their living room but were hampered by their three-year-old son, Roger, who wanted to help.

Finally the father backed the car from the garage, gave Roger a jar of paint and a brush and told the youngster to paint the inside of the garage.

Imagine the parents' feelings when a short time later they happened to glance out the window and saw that their young painter had not gone to the garage but was rapidly changing their black car to smeared white.—Mrs. Louise Smith, Columbus, Miss.

Nice Try!
Hello, is this the Fidelity Insurance Company?

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One Step at a Time
"I hear you have a boy in college. Is he going to become a doctor, an engineer, or a lawyer?"

The slow, quizzical answer was: "That I do not know. Right now the big question is: Is he going to become a sophomore?"

Anybody who's in condition to jog doesn't need to.

Life begins at 40 only after you've had your coffee.



Picture left to right: Paul Brooks, pastor, and Tom McEwen, Sunday school director.

Woodlawn Sets New Attendance Record In S.S.

Woodlawn Church, Route 11, Vicksburg, one of the largest rural churches in the state, established a new Sunday School attendance record April 28 with 589 present. The average attendance for the month of April was also an all-time record of 490.

The Sunday School enrollment at Woodlawn has increased by approximately 250 since October 1, 1973. As a result, the average attendance for the past two months has been 431, which is an increase of 135 over last year's average of 296. In the past year the church has received over 100 members by baptism and over 100 by letter.

The pastor, Rev. Paul Brooks, attributes the unusual growth to the blessings of God, dedicated Sunday School workers, and a growing bus ministry. "Any church can experience the blessings of God if they will follow the simple formula handed down

Parkway (Desoto) Calls Pastor

Parkway Church, Hernando (DeSoto) has called as pastor Rev. Terry L. Jackson. He began service there April 1. Born in California, he has pastored Southern Baptist churches in Mississippi and Arkansas and was pastor of Emmanuel Church, Forrest City, Arkansas before going to Parkway.

Educational background includes study at Kansas Wesleyan University, Mid-South Bible College, and Memphis Theological Seminary. Mr. Jackson holds the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Divinity degrees.

He and Mrs. Jackson, the former Jean Collins of Memphis, have two boys, William Scott, six and Terry Lee, Jr., eleven. Mrs. Jackson's parents now live in Coldwater, Mississippi; Mr. Jackson's parents live in West Memphis, Arkansas.

Duncan Member Sets Attendance Record

Duncan Church reports the outstanding attendance record of Mrs. E. L. Pope. Of the first period of 15 years and three months reported by Mrs. Pope, a 100% attendance was maintained for eleven years and three months. Another 100% record was achieved for nine years and three months. Again, the past 14 years and three months she has held a perfect attendance record.

Mrs. Pope has taught Sunday school much of this time, first with Cradle Roll and then with other age groups, until she found her choice to be the Junior (now Children's) Department. She worked with children as long as her health permitted.

Mrs. Pope attended Sunday School during membership in Drew Church; First, Brookhaven; First, Kosciusko; and Duncan. She has been a member at Duncan since 1959.

Presently chorister for the Adult Sunday School Department there. For many years she worked in VBS at Duncan and has served in religious mission work in Bolivia Association.

Rev. Billy J. Beckett is pastor at Duncan.

to us from the Bible, pray, pray, pray and work, work, work," states Mr. Brooks.

Raymond Church Calls Pastor

Raymond Church announces that Rev. Sam B. Mason is their new pastor. Mr. Mason, a native Mississippian, graduated from Ruth High School, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary.

His pastorates include Lucien Church, from 1953 to 1956, Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, from 1956 to 1972, interim pastor at Pocahontas from 1972 to 1973 and interim pastor at Raymond from 1973 to 1974.

He served as officer and director of Marketplace Ministries and manager of Maranatha Book Store during interim pastorates. His family consists of his wife, Esther (Gunnell) of Ruth; daughter, Mrs. Tony (Janice) Brock of Jackson and son, Sam III, student at Belhaven College.

1st, Southaven, Calls Rose As New Pastor

First Church, Southaven, announces the arrival on the field of their new pastor, Rev. J. B. Rose, who came from Parkview Church, El Dorado, Arkansas.

A pantry shower welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Rose (Almeda). Mr. Rose attended the University of Houston, Texas; Wesleyan College, and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Prior to his pastorate at Parkview, he was pastor of Sherwood Church, Memphis. During seminary, he was pastor at First Church, Finley, Oklahoma.

Teachers Needed At BBI, Graceville

GRACEVILLE, Florida—Baptist Bible Institute expects to fill four new faculty positions for the fall semester, following action by the trustees in their March session, according to Dr. Walter D. Draughon, dean.

There will be one each in New and Old Testament, in religious education, and in music. The latter must teach piano.

Applications are already coming in, with more expected. All except the music professor must have earned doctorates from accredited schools. The latter must hold a master's degree in music.